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NIGERIA FIGHTING.

ATTACK ON THE ANGLO-GERMAN COMMISSION.

The Colonial Office has received from Lieut-Col. Whitlock, the British representative on the Anglo-German Commission which is endeavouring to agree on a boundary between the German Kameruns and Southern Nigeria, news of what appears to have been a somewhat sharp encounter between the demarcation party and

the natives, resulting in about 25 casualties. The telegram does not go much into detail, entrance, top,80.5 ft. bottom 45.8 and, unless further serious trouble is encountered, the Government would not expect in the ordinary way to get anything like full particulars pending the receipt of a mailed dispatch, which would take about 20 days to reach London from the coast, to say nothing of the downcountry journey to Lagor.

> As, however, the cablegram makes mention of the dangerous wounding of the German Commissioner, Lieut, Stephane, and of casualties to two non-commissioned officers of the German escort, it is presumed that the brunt of the trouble fell upon the German party, and that as British casualties are not mentioned none occurred. If the casualties recorded are joint casualties some mention of the British losses in the dispatch would have been looked

> > A SURPRISE ATTACK.

The news of trouble came largely as a surprise, but the precaution had been taken of sending a strong escort with the Commissioners. With the Manshi people, who are located near the boundary line, trouble might have possibly arisen and the Dry Season Patrol, which is practically an exploting party, might have encountered opposition but the Government dispatch expressly declares that neither the Manshis nor the patrol were involved in the affair which affected only the Boundary Commission.

Between Northern Nigeria and the Kameruns the boundary has been fixed, while that between Southern Nigeria and the Kameruns has been roughly agreed on as a straight line. The object of the Joint Commission was to make such adjustments of this line, as localgeographical features or the distribution of tribes might suggest.

COUNTRY PRACTICALLY UNKNOWN. Two-thirds of this line had been adjusted without any sign of trouble arising, but the country is practically unknown to Europeans south and west of Jola. The party had apparently got over about 90 miles of the last stage of their work, and were about midway in what proved to be an inhospitable tract, when they were attacked.

The fighting took place during Christma's week, and the casualties all told were five killed and 10 wounded. The tribesmen have been repelled and have retired to the hills, while the delimitation party has been minforced.

Col. Whitlock left England last summer to carry out, in conjunction with the German Commission, a second year's delimitation work on the boundary between Nigeria and the Kamoruns, adds Reuter. Proceeding via the Niger and the Benne, the British Commissioners met their. German colleagues near was to begin.

In a letter received by Reuter dated from that place on 19 Nov. Col. Whitlock said that the Commissioners were hard at work, but Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal they had been much hampered owing to heavy | Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the floods. The telegram now to hand shows that the Commissioners have progressed with their work (for Sonkwalls, whence the telegram was dispatched, is 50 miles further along the boundary).

No anxiety is felt regarding the position of the Commissioners, as the force with them is quite sufficient to secure their safety, and in any case troops can easily be hurried up from, the South if Col. Whitlock informs the Lieutenant-Governor of Southern Nigeria that this is necessary.

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Hongkong, 13th Pabriary, 1909.

#### Public Companies.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-ING CORPORATION.

OTICE is hereby given that the ORDIN ARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 5th day of February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to gist December,

By Order of the Court of Directors. J. R. M. SMITH "Chief Manager. Hingkong, 19th February, 1909

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAL BANK ING CORPORATION. OTICE is hereby given that the RE

GISTER OF SHARES of the Corpora-tion will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the oth instant, to SATURDAY, the 20th instant, (both days inclusive), during which period no ransfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Court of Directors.

J. R. M. SMITH Chief Managor.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1909 HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOC

\_\_COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLUERS will be held the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Prays, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December,

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary,

Hongkong, 27th January, 1009.

NOTIOE. THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

NIOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING of the abovementioned Company will be held at its Registered Office, Nos. 9 to 17 Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 20th day of February, 1909, at 12.30. P.M. for the purpose of considering and if thought fit pass-. nig the following Resolutions :-

"That the capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation, of 8,000 additional shares of \$50. each "ranking for dividend and in all other "respects pari passu with the existing "shares in the Company."

2, "That the said 8,000 additional shares be "offered in the first instance at par to all "members of the Company registered as "shateholders on the First day of March-"1509 in the proportion of two new shares "for every three or ginal shares held by quiet life. them and upon the footing that fifty per cent of the full amount of each new share taken up shall be paid to the "Company on acceptance of the offer and "that-such offer be made by notice "specifying the number of shares to which "the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not ac-"cepted by payment will be deemed to be "declined and that the directors be em-"powered to dispose of the shares not taken in response to such offer as they

consider expedient in the interests of the ' Compar y." By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MOONEY,

Secretary. Hongkong, 13th-February, 1909.

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING

CO, LD. THE 25TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHARELOLDERS in

the above Company will be held at the CUM-PAI Y'S OFFICE, St. George's Building, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, 27th Pebruary, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1008, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from IHURSDAY, the 23rd of February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February ary, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 12th February, 1909.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED

THE TWENTY-FIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Geberal Managers, at 12.30 P.M. on SATUR-DAY, 27th instant, to receive a statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and the Report of the General Managers.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th instant to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD., General Managers. ... Hongkong, 13th February, 1909.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURINCE CO.,

LIMITED. E-FORTIETH MEETING of SHARE. HOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 3, Quern's, Road Central, Victoria, on THURSUAY, the 4th March, 190), at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of Receiving a Statement of Accounts

and the Report of the Directors for the year onding gist December, 1908. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th February to 41

March, both days inclusive. By Order. -G-PEMBERTON,

Secretary. Hongkong, 13th February, 1909.

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HONGKONG. Hangkaus grā Sautsmber, 1407 SAD STORIES OF THE DRINK

REVELATIONS MADE AT OFFICIAL INQUIR

Many pathe ic and dismal stories of drun kenness are told in the minutes of evidence accompanying the important Blue-book of nebriate reform a summary of which we printid on Saturday.

Dr. H. W. Pooler, of Birmingham, told the committee of a certain man who was an official in a good and responsible position, and a man of very good family. "He is ecceptric simpst but not quite, to the verge of insanity. After a good many warnings he was forced to leave his employment, as he could not be relied up on to do his work; and would not keep, hi broks properly. He gets fits of violence occasionally, frightens his family very much. . .

believe the man is a highly intellectual man really, a fine musician p and I believe he would have remained a decent citizen if his case could have been dealt with earlier and he had been

Another case described by the same witness is that of " the wife of a very respectable man, a works manager. The children, who are growing up now, have been driven from home because they cannot stand their mother's babits, I under to-I remember this woman as a most intelligent and intellectual woman, but now . . . she

is simply a disgrace to the neighbourhood, the 24th February, 1929, at 3 P.M., opposite wandering abou with filthy, dirty, ragged clothes, boots down at heel, and hair unkempt; an absolute disgrace to any neighbourhood." DRINK AND DRUGS.

Dr. G. P. Bate, the modical officer of health for the borough of Bethnal-green, tells of a medical man who was repeatedly brought to him or his sen by the police. "He used to carry a laudanum bottle in his pocket, and get a drink, and have his bottle filled at the same time."

Lady Henry Somerset tel's how she spentthe whole night with a woman of 28, who was suffering from delirium tremens.

Another witness, Dr J. Ford Anderson, tells of the case of a young man about 35, suffering from dipromania, " an only son, with spells of robriety lasting for twelve or eighteen mouths, when he is a patiere of the domestic virtues and a good son, and never touches anything stronger than milk.

"Then he suddenly becomes restless, stays out at night, and soon becomes a curse to his aged father. He pawns everything he can turn into money, even to his artificial teeth, and borrows from the friends of his family, often with threats: and he stays away for days, and returns a wreck. The fit lasts for a few months, and he finally calms down, and resumes his

..... His father is a clergyman, and he is afraid to invoke the law in any way, and you cannot get the sanction of the patient himself to go to a home. So what can one do? He goes about with low company, and gets money from people and drinks with it, and is never sober while the fit las's. That man ought to be in some way restraired from the beginning. He is as strong as a lion. .... What can one do jo a case like that, a most difficult case? have had several of a similar character."

EATURDAY NIGHT IN BIG CITIES. A significant colloquy took place between Dr. H. W Pooler (already mentioned) and the

Dr. Pooler: I do not think I would begin compulsory detention from the very carliest stage of a man getting drunk, possibly on Saturday nights, even it was every Saturday night, else we should have a good proportion. of our present population in the big cities in

reformatories. Chairman: You go so far as to say that, do you?-Witness: Yes; at least a great many of them round me are drunk every Saturday night, and are very respectable citizens all the rest of the week.

Witness: And earn very fair money.

Witness accepted a definition of this kind of excess as "convivial d unkenness," except in the quarrelsome cases. In these cases the family would resent the notion of petitioning to have them sent away.

Chairman: Because they are perfectly user ful citizens during the week and are wager earners?-Yes many of them.

Chairman: But they go on a weekly bout? · Public opinion looks leniently on the Satur-

day drinking bout; is that it?-Yes, I am siraid a great many of them take it as their weekly

Mr. Bramsdon; Is that peculiar to Birming ham?-No, I am afraid not. Mr. Rose: Is the number diminishing amongst | LACE SCARFS. MOTOR VEILS

the artisan class-the week-end drinking man in your experience?-I think it would be bard to prove it; but I am under the impression that It is diminishing.

DRUNKEN MEN IN EVERY STREET. Chairman : But you say it is very consider, able? - it is.

In all the working class districts of Birming, ham do you find that?-It certainly is so in m district. You can hardly go down a street on a Saturday night without seeing two or three drunken men. 🤫

And women !-And women, lon; but my ex perlence is that the women are more aptito drink all the week round than the men, because the men are at work.

Mr. E. Baggallay (the Metropolitan magistrate) gave evidence dealing with a kindred question—that of drinking on bank holidays, In his experience a good many hard-working

men went on the drink four times a year.; On the morning after bank-holidays lots of perfectly good, hard-working men, and otherwise perfectly respectable women, were brought up!

that the list with photographs and particulars) don, E.O. England.

was quite useless; he had never found it to be of kny use.

Chairman:-You have never known an inebriate to be identified?-Witness: No, not by a publican -not by a holder of a licenso-and I do not quite see how it is possible for them to do it; the photo is taken when the person is convicted, and he may go to another district on his release.

You look upon the system as more or less impracticable in London owing to the migratory condition of the people? -Yes, and the large area covered-for instance, in the case of a publican here in Westminster, with the description of some inebriate from Whitechapel, the possibility would be very remote of that person being racognised.

Dr. Brauthwaite; I would like to put the question very clearly to your are you not of orinion that the Black List arrangements as now carried out are quite worthless?-Most emphatically so.

So far as London is concerned? - Cartainly.

#### Auction.

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Further particulars from THE ORGANISING SECRETARY, 54, Piccadilly, W. London, 19th August, 1908.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEHRUARY 19, 1909

THE PROGRESS OF SHIPBUILDING. -

In a recent issue, reference was made to the depression in the shipbuilding trade in Great Britain during the past year and the exceedingly unfavourable conditions that the official account from Lloyd's, which is, of course, severely 'practical' and leaves the reader to form his own conclusions, and from all we can discover it would seem that the actual results are by no means so unsatisfactory as might have been thought from a first exclusive of war ships, 523 vessels of 929,669 tons gross (viz., 454 steamers of 914,570 tons and 69 sailing vessels of 15,099 tons) have been launched in the United Kingdom. The war ships launched at both Government and private yards amount to 36 of 74,186 tons displacement. The total output of the United #Kingdom for the year has, therefore. been 1559 vessels of 1,003,855 tous. is true that the output of mercantile tonnage in the United Kingdom for last year was the lowest on record, but would be foolish to expect high results are to be the invariable rule. As was pointed out in the previous article, the decrease in tonnage launched was to a large extent the corollary of the numerous strikes which occurred although that point does not appear in Lloyd's summary, ? The increasing tendency to build steamers of large size has been again apparent in the output of the United Kingdom for 1908, During the four years, 1892-5, on an average, eight vessels; of 6,000 tons and upwards were launched per annum in the United Kingdom, in the following four years, 1896-9, the average rose to 25, and to 39 for the four years 1900/3, and dropped names of which are given, while at the shipbuilding trade even if dull days have present time 20 vessels of over 6,000 tons been experienced. The returns are not and 12 of over 10,000, tons are, under nearlysogloomy and dispiriting as might have construction in British yards. Of the total been expected, and the prospects are set putput, 60 per cent., or 554,995 tons. fair for better times this year, (547,080 steam tons and 7,915 sailing tons), har been built for registration in the United Kingdom. In this connection, it should be noted that the tonnage of United Kingdom vessels lost, broken up, &c., during the last twelve months appears, from the information at present in the possession of Lloyd's Register, to have been 176,690 tons (142,110 steam, 34,580 sail). Sales to Foreign and Colonial owners for the twelve months ended November, 1908, according to the Registrar. General's Returns, reached a total of a62,866 tons (209,575 steam, 53,291 sail). On the

purchases from foreign and colonial owners during the same period amounted to 52,552 tons (46,997 steam, 4,554 sail). The sailing tonnage of the United Kingdom would thus appear to have decreased by about 75,400 tons, and the steam tonnage to have increased by 245,000 tons. The net increase of United Kingdom tonnage at the end of 1908 is therefore about 169,600 tons. For the previous five years the estimated net increase were as follows:-1903, 405,000 tons; 1904, 429,000 tons; 1905, 469,000 tons; 1906, 764,000 tons (the highest figures on record); 1207, 426,800 tons. Glasgow heads the list of shipbuilding centres with 233,830 tons launched, followed by Newcastle, Belfast, Greenock and Sunderland. As regards the movement of the shipbuilding industry during the course of 1908, Lloyd's Register Returns show that, at the opening of the year, irrespective of war ships, 948,800 tons (936,378 steam, 12,452 sail), were being built in the United Kingdom. The returns for the March quarter indicated a decrease of over roo,ooo tons in the work in hand, and those for September a further decrease of 114,000 tons. A slight increase has since then taken place, and/at the present time the tonnage under construction amounts to 764,520 tons, which, however, is only 544 per cent. of the total for June, 1906. The total warship tonnage under construction in the country is now 219,271 tons displacement as compared 268,717 at the end of 1907. With regard to the colonies and foreign countries, the figures under that heading are also considerably below those of previous years, the total number of vessels launched being 882 of 903,617 tons, a decrease of 266,000 tons as compared with the previous year. The leading place is taken by the United States, while Germany, France, rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves Japan, Holland and Norway follow in the order named. Taking the United States first as an evidence of the fact that the shipbuilders of Great Britain were not the only sufferers by the depression, it appears that the total mercantile tonnage reported from that country (304,543 tons), is 170,000 tons smaller than that of the previous year; the decrease in the tonnage built for service on the Great Lakes being no less than 111,000 tons. With reference to Germany, the returns show a decrease of over 67,000 tons in the shipbuilding output as compared with last year. During the years 1900-1904 the average yearly output was about 204,000 tons. In 1905, 255,000 tons were launched. and in 1906, 318,000 tons. Since then there has been a considerable decrease, the prewere experienced. Now we have received sent figures (207,800) being 110,000 tons less than two years ago. It should be stated, however, that these figures do not include vessels launched on the upper rivers, the total of which amounts to over 18,000 tons. The largest steamers launched in the country during 1908, were the George Washington impression. It appears that during 1908, of about 25,500 tons (this being also the largest steamer launched in the world during the year), and the Cincinnati, of about 20,000 tons. Five other steamers of between 6,000 and 10,000 tons were also launched. and two-of between 15,000 and 20,000 tons. In France, however, there is an increase in the tonnage launched of 22,000, due to the building of six steamers of 6,000 tons and upwards. The figures for Japan (59,725 tons) show a slight decrease as compared with those of 1907. They include four steamers of about 8,600 tons each. At the present time there are under construction nine steel steamers of over, 72,000 tons, the largest being one of 13,500 tons, to be fitted with turbines. The returns under review show that the general increase which had taken place during 1907 in the output of most of the other countries has not been maintained in 1908. With the exception of Austria-Hungary, where an increase of about 15,000 tons has taken place, there has been a considerable reduction in the total tonnage launched. It may be noted that of the tonnage launched during 1908, the United Kingdom has acquired over 301 per cent. Of the total. merchant tonnage output of the world during 1908, 50% per cent, was launched in the to 27 for the four years 1904-7. During United Kingdom; but, if only scagoing steel 1908, 28 such vessels were launched. Of steamers of 3,000 tons gross and unwards be. vessels of ro,000 tons and upwards, only taken into account (thus excluding vessels. three were launched in the four years 1892-5; trading on the North American Lakes), out 17 were launched during the four years of the total of 179 such steamers, of 1806.9; while 32 were launched during the 11,050,741 tons launched in the world. over four years 1900:3 and 20 during the four 631 per cent of the tonnage has been launchyears 1904-7. During 1908, ten yessels of ed in the United Kingdom, It will be 10,000 tons and above were launched, the apparent then that Britain still leads in the

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE ordinary half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held at the City Hall at noon, to-morrow, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1908.

As we go to press, an advance copy of the programme for the Off Day races, to-morrow, reaches us. There are five races, viz. :-- The Lucky" Cup, " Little Gem" Cop, Visitors' Cup, " Barry " Cup, and "Roso " Cup. The first other hand 2,050 tons (all steam) were built anidling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the abroad for United Kingdom owners, and first race starts at 2 p.m. sharp.

#### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

ANNUAL REPORT

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fortieth ordinary meeting to be held at the company's offices on Thursday, the 4th March, at 12 o'clock noon, reads:--

The directors have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of the company's accounts made up to 31st December

of working account as per last report Add premia since re-Deduct claims paid

The balance at credit

in 1908...... \$136,184.41 Deduct return premia, 

Balance of profit ..... \$258,725.68

\$438,668.10 ...... ..... 92,5703

Bonus to office staff...... 6,155.3

It is proposed to apportion this; sum as follows: Dividend of \$6; and bonus of the \$2 per shate on 20,000 ... To add to extra reserve fund, see a which will then stand at ...

1908.—The balance at credit of working ac count at the close of this year was \$375,341.77

. DIRECTORS. Messrs. A. G. Wood and A. Fuchs resigned their seats on leaving the Colony and Mestrs . W. C. Bondar and C. Brodersen were appointed to fill the vacancies, and on the re grettable death of the latter, Mr. H. A. Siebs was asked to occupy the vacant seat. These appointments require the confirmation

Messrs, Shellim and Friesland retire by

AUDITORS: Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe have audited the annexed accounts and offer hemselves for re-election. E. SHELLIM,

WORKING ACCOUNT. . 1st January to 31st December, 1908.

Chairman.

To Charges Account :ent, salaries, legal and surveyors' feer, taxes,

stamps, stationery, &c.\$42,981.23 Directors' and Auditors' fees .... 7,400.00 To Commission Account:

To Exchange Account : -Difference in exchange ...... To Losses Account 1908: laims after deduction of re-in-

surances ...... 136,624.08-To Amount Written Off :-Purniture account..... 

By Premium Account: -Premium after deduction of re-in-By Interest Account:-Amount at credit, including in-· terest due os deposits aud in-

vestments, &c, ...... 160,517.01 By-Transfer-Fee-Account:-Amount at credit ..... DALANCE SHEET. 3"st December, 1908.

Reserve Fund ...... 1,000,0:0.00 Extra Reserve Fund - 438,668.to Investment Fluctuation Account Accounts Payable:ividend for 1907 ..... \$ 60,000.00 Losses outstanding and sundries ...... 96,684.27

Working Account, 19.8:-Balance at credit ...... 375,311.77 \$2,503,093 14 Cash at Bankers ......

Fixed Deposits at Banks:-Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation ......\$148,819.82 Chartered Bank of I., A. and C. ....... 30,000,00

Mercantile Bank of Indis. Ld...... 20,000.00 International Banking Corporation ..... 75,000.00

Investments :-Chinese Imp. Govt. E. Bords ...... \$60,335.15 Hongkong Club Debentuies ....... 27,700.00 -Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited.. Debentures ..... 50,000.00 Shanghai Land Invest-

ment Co., Ld., De--Shanghai-Waterworks Co., Ld., Daben-8,472,22 tures....... Shangbai Club Do-

6 586 61 bentures ...... Shares in Public' Companies..... 200,100.00 Logns on Mortgage:---On properties in Hongkong .....\$ 1,467,500.00 On properties in

Shameen, Can-

150,000.00 Furniture Account :--Office furniture, &c. .... Accounts Receivables-Premis due from agoncies, inserest due on deposits and 

\$2,503,093,14

CANTON BAY BY DAY. VALUABLE SERVICES REWARDED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 17th February. -Atthe request of Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, president of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company, H.E. Viceroy Chang Jen Chun has recommended Taotai Kwong, Engineer-in-Chief of the Railway, for the Civil Rack of the Second Class in token of valuable services ren-

ADOPTION OF STANDARD WEIGHT. In accordance with instructions received from Peking a Weight and Measurement Bureau will shortly be established in Canton with a view of bringing about a uniform standard of weight and measurement. The Tactal for the development of native industries, Chan Mong Tsang, has been nominated by the Viceroy, to be Director of the Bureau.

LIKIN COLLECTION. The collection of Likin dues in Cinton during the first and accord ten days of this moon as reported by the Likin officials amounted to 114,678.9.3.0 taels.

SALE OF DEAD PIGS FORBIDDEN. The police have once more issued a proclamation, for the becefit of the general public prohibiting the sale of dead pig t. .. REBELLION QUELLED. .

"Taotai Kwok jen Chang, Commander-in-Chief of the imperial troops, seet to Yumchow to suppress the recent rising there, arrived be last week. The Viceroy has commended Taotal Kwok for his efforts in putting down the insurgents and ordered him to return to the prefecture for duty, lest the outlaws migh rise again during his absence. ACCIDENT AT TEA-HOUSE.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, near th Southern Gate, a tea-shop all of a sudden ha one of its side walls cracked and the latterinstantly collapsed. There were present at the time number of people having a quiet sip at the soothing beverage. On receiving the shock they all hurried out and ran in different directions for safety, with the result that over ten of them were more or less injured in the panic. MANUFACTURE OF P PER.

Mr. Wei Chung Put arrived here on the 15th instant from Hupeh with instructions to stud the system obtaining at the Canton Government Paper Factory so as to introduce the method in that province.

18th February. CANTON-HANKOW\_RAILWAY.

H.B. Chang Chih-tung, Superintendent of the Capton Hankow Railway, has sent a telegram to the Viceroy, recommending that a resident\_official\_should\_ba\_appointed\_to\_look. after the interests of the railway in each of the three provinces on behalf of the Superintendent, and that Ta .tal Wong l'ingeYun, formerly Taotai in Yumchow, and recently reinstated, has been appointed to be Difector-General in Canton. H.E. Viceroy Chang Jen Chun has accordingly notified the Canton-Hankow Railway Company of Taotai Wong's appointment THE TAI-SHA-TAU FIRE.

As a result of the disastrous fire at Tai-sha tau on the 30th ultimo, the Viceroy has issued a proclamation probibiting the boat population from resuming their former occupation on their craft and also ordering them to remove farther inshore. It is now ascertained that at present there are altogether sixty-three of these boats in Canton harbour. They have been ordered to vacate the water in three days' time.

- CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE. 'A few months ago, the Cauton Christian College received the handsome donation o Sto,000-from-Mr. So king-Kni, St,000-from Su Chen Liang Cheng, and sums ranging from one hundred to several hundred doilais from several other persons towards the funds for its maintenance. On the 15th instant, Mr. Tam Lai Ting, a coal merchant of the On Hing Company, presented a seam lau ch to th College for the use of the students. This launch has been named I of Nam. GOVERNMENT CEMENT FACTORY.

The Cauton Government Cement Factory has solicited from the Canton-Hankow Railway Company, the Canton-Kowloon Railway Company and the Chinchow-Swatow Railway Company and some others for orders to supply cement for their use.

ADMIRAL LI CHUN'S MOTOR-LAUNCH. It is learnt that the motor-launch now in course of construction by W. S. Bailey and Company of Hongkong to the order of Admiral Li Chun will be named Tin Tung.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week Messis, E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write this afternoon :-- Owing to the Race, business has been somewhat restricted. Rates generally remain.

Banks. - Hongkong & Shanghai Banks bave remained steady during the week under review and there are probably buyers at \$895. There is no alteration in the London quotation which remains firm at £86,

Marine Insurances .- Cantons are firmer and in demand at \$190. North Chinas are obtain. able in the North at Tis. 100, while Yangrizes | WE would direct the attention of our readers

in demand at \$330. China Fires are steady at quotation.

hipping-Douglases are again in favour at second day. 1,617,300,00 | obtainable at the rate.

Whatfa have changed bands at \$47. Whampon I second count.

Docks might be obtained in small lots at \$92. Shanghal Docks can be placed at Tis; 781, and Hongkew Wharls at Tis. 167.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings. - Auglo-French Lands have inquiries at Tis. 104 and Astor House Hotels at \$164. Hongkong Lands: can be placed at \$94 after small sales at \$93. Humphrey's Estates have found buyers at \$8.65. There are sellers of Shanghal Lands at Tls. 115, ex the dividend and bonus of Tls. 5 per share paid in Shanghai on the 17th lustant, Hongkong Hotels have buyers at \$50.

Cotton Mills .- Ewos are wanted at the improved rate of Tis. 100. There are further buyers of Hongkong Cottons at \$91. According to the latest Shanghal circular to hand, Internationals are nominally quoted at Tle. 74. Lau Kung Mows have buyers at Tls. 79, and avery Soy Chees are on offer at Tis. 275.

Miscellaneous, -- Sales of China Providents have been effected at \$ ).20 and more are wanted at the rate. Green Island Cements bave been dealt in at \$9.70. Hongkong Ropes are quiet at \$25. The General Managers' report for the year ending gist. December, 1908, has just been issued to shareholders of this Company. The balance standing at the credit of profit and loss account is \$98,790.46 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows : To place to reserve foud the sum of \$20,000 fto pay a final dividend of \$1.00 per share, and to carry forward the balance of \$8,790,46 to the credit of next year's account. Hongkong Ices have sellers at \$220. Sumatras have suffered a sharp decline to Tis. 105, at which rate there are sellers in the North. We learn that a dividend of Tls. 5 per been a heavy drop in Langkats to Tls. 730 the early part of the week, but they have since recovered to some extent and are now quoted Tis. 775 at which rate buyers prevail. A first interim dividend, for 1909, of Tls. 121 has just been declared, payable on the 15 h March.

Exchange. - The Bank's selling rate on London is 1/815/15 on demand. The T./ I. rate on Shanghai is 74 5/8.

Dividends Payable.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks-dividend and bonus of \$2.5/- per Hongkong and Whompon Docks-Final of \$4 per share for 1908, payable on the 22nd February. Hongkong Ices—Final of \$15 per share for 1908, payable on the 27th February. Hongkong Ropes-Final of \$1 per share for six million taels. 1908, payable on the 27th February. China Fires-dividend of \$5 and bonus of \$2 for 1908, payable on the 4th March. Langkats - First interim for 1909, of Tlr. 174 payable in Shanghai on the 15th March. Sumatras-dividend of Tls 5 for 1908.

Rorward Settlements .- The following dates have been fixed by the Stock Brokers' Association of Hongkong for Forward Settlements: February Seitlement 26th Feb...

30 h March. March 29th April. May 31st May, 20th June. Jមចេត 😘 30th July. YARN MARKET.

In their report dated 19th instant, Messis Phirorsha B. Petit & Co. write:-

Our last report was dated the 5th inst. The yarn maiket throughout the fortnight has ruled firm. Towards the end of the period prices have advanced in sympathy with decline in the price of silver to equalise in supre rates. The tendency at the close is towards lower silver values, when quotations should rise in consequence to maintain the parity.

Demand has been good throughout unde review, owing principally to a scarcity of stock on the market, caused by the delivery of yarn in importers' bends in fulfilment of bargains concluded prior to the Chinese New Year vacation. Forward contracts are being made although importing firms are somewhat chary of concluding sattlements on anything like an extensive scale, owing to the ciratic mevement of silver exchange, It is expected that inquiries from the interior will be maintained at fully their normal level and immediate prospects of the yarn market are favourable.

No. 20 s -A good dom and for solected threads at an advance of \$1 per bale. A 'No. 16s .- Only suitable threads found bayers

at current rates. No. 121.-In moderate inquiry.

No. It s .- In good demand at an advance o St to \$2 per balc.

No. 8s.-Nothing doing. No 6s. - A fair demand for selected threads Market closes firm.

.Sales: - 200 bales of No. 6r., 5,000 bales of No. 101., 1,575 bales of No. 128, 225 bales of No. 16s.; and 7,475 bales of No. 20s.; in all about 10,425 bales.

Arrivals:-Per steamers l'ebahl Maru, Latsang, Ischia, Bayca, Grejory Apcar, Vorwairts. and Della of about 17,500 bales. Unsold Stock: About 37,000 bales.

Uncleared Stock:—About 18,000 bales. Exchange :- We quote to-day as follows :--

T. T. at Rs. 131 per cent. Demand 11 11 1314 London T. T. , Sh. 1.8 1. = 5 Demand ... 1.8 15/16d,==\$ 23 9/16d. per or.

are wanted at \$190. Unions can be sold at to the date of the sale of the household furniture of Mr. Henry Humphreys which will take Fire Insurances .- Hongkong Fires continue | place on the 74th and 25th instant instead of | highest ... Hundreds of people are hurrying as previously advertised. The sale commences | home, rickshar dashing here and there, tramat 2 p.m. on the first, and at it a.m. on the

\$34, and Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam- WONG TIN, the puller of a private ricksha, boats at \$281, but sellers are not forthcoming | was arraigned in the Police Court, this mornat these rates. Indo-Chinas preferred and de- log, charged with recklessly driving the vehiferred have inquiries at quotations. Shell cle, and with offering a bribe to a policeman, thing could be done to stop him, he slep-Transports are wanted at 49/, but none are It was stated in evidence that. Wong and ped to the ground and staggered on to the another coolie were racing along Queen's. Refineries.-China Sugars have again been Road West yesterday afternoon. A lukong 700.00 sold at \$130. Perak Sugars have buyers in the failed to dodge them in time, the wheel of North at the improved rate of Tis. 101. 101. Woog's ricksha plasing over his foot. When I have been In another cased a second Rusow Mining.-Chinese Engineerings have risen the offender was being taken to the station he pean, who was in the act of stepping off a car to Tis. 174 closing with Northern inquiries offered the policeman forty cents for his to- when another car was but a few yards eway to There are further buyers of Raubs at \$81. .... lease. On the first charge accused was fourd Docks, Wharves, and Godowns,-Kowloon not guilty, He was fined \$1; however, on the 100 many to mention in detail, Such careless,

### Telegrams,

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH! SERVICE.

CHAN PIK'S DEPARTURE.

A POOR SEND OFF. [By courtery of the "Skewny Po."]

Peking, 18th February. Chan Pik, ex-president of the Ministry of Posts and Communications, left Peking on the 16th inst. Only a few Japanese saw him

> HSU SHI-CHANG'S IM-PEACHMENT.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS. [By coursesy of the 'Skenng Po."]

Peking, 18th February.

The Censors denounced H.E. Hau Shi-chang, Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces, for having, it is alleged, embezzled large sums of

Confidential instructions have been despatched to I uk Sing-lam, Tieh share has been declared for 1908. There has Linng and Yeung Shi-chang to conduct secret investigations into the ruth of the allegations.

Later.

In their memorials, the Censors stated that, when Chiu I-cheung left. the Viceroyalty of the Three Eastern. Provinces, there was a credit balance (in the Provincial exchequer) of share for 1908, payable on the 20th February. seven, million taels. Since H.E. Hsu Shi-chang was appointed Viceroy he has spent money recklessly with the result that there is now a deficit of

> FICRPOCKETS AT HAPPY VALLEY. ALLEGATION AGAINST TWO EUROPE IN

The pickpockets manceuvring around the Happy Valley during the last three days have been successful in pauperising a number of people, mainly Chinese. From the 16th to the 18th inst., no less than half a dozen reports were lodged at various police stations in the Colony by persons who had had their pursos stolen and by those whose pockets had been cut and the contents stolen. Altogether it is reported that the fraternity cleared about \$800. during the race meeting. So far only one of the offenders has been arrested, and, the reader will recollect, he was sent to gaol yesterday, The charge against bim was that of stealing a purse containing \$10.50 from an Indian on

Wednesday. Becoming emboldened by their success one of the gang went a step further yesterday afternoon. A European lady was seated in a tramcar, holding in her hand a gold chain purie, containing a large sum of money, which rested on her lap. A coolie, who apparently had been following the lady, awaited his opportunity and as soon as the car was put in motion he sprang up on the foot board, wrested the purse from her hand, and disappeared in the crowd.

"Of-course," said a police officer in a conversation with a Bongkong Telegraph represeptative this morning, "most of the stealing is done by new arrivals from Canton. But you, will be surprised to hear that we suspect two European wimen of pickpicketing, too. They are dressed tip-top and lock well-to-do, but their presence in the crowd attracts suspicion. We have been watching them for a long while, but I believe they have scented the rat."

The lady whose purse was spatched from her complaint d to the police, but the chances of arrest and recovery are st mewhat remote.

CARELESS PASSENGERS. NARROW ESCAPES AT THE HAPPY VALLEY

That the police during the last three days have had their work cut out in large slices in the matter." of regulating the heavy tr. flicat the race course and protecting the lives of careless pedestrians. who persisted in getting into danger's way, cannot be denied, and that the credit should go to them for the able way in which they carried out the task, free from any accidents, nobody will question,

There were, however, a number of persons -Europeans and Chinese alike-who were a source of great trouble to the police, in that they seemed unable to look after themselvesa few of whom, came very nearly losing their lives, In the words of a police officer "They should not be allowed out without a keeper !" Had it not been for the attention tion baid to these people by the officers two winks accidents, and no doubt of a serious character. would have occurred yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of the race meeting. As everybody knows, at that time, the traffic is at its cars coming and going, and in such a parrow road the risk run is great,

The first accident that was averted occurred a low minutes before the last race had been decided. A European was seen hanging on to a tar which was travelling at the ordinary speed. Suddeply, and before any track of an approaching car. Fortunately for him, he was grabbed in time by a policeman before he fell and twopg clear of the line. otherwise no one knows what the tesult would was by chance stopped in time. The Chinese also were great offenders, their escapades being conduct is to be consumed.

MANCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DINNER TO SIR ROBERT HART.

The Manchester Chamber of Commerce held a dinner of the members to meet Sir. Robert Hart, Bart, C.C.M.C., at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on 20th ult. The chair man was Mr. France Ashworth, President of the Chamber, who was assisted by a company of 280 members and their friends, including Sir F. F. Adam, C.I.R. (Treasurer, Manchester Chamber of Commerce), Mr. H. R. Armitage Mr. W. Ashworth, Mr. A. G. Angier, Mr. M. Baerlein, Mr. R. N. Barclay, Mr. T. H. Barker (Secretary Liverpool Chamber), Mr. Chas. Behrens, Mr. Gustav Behrens, Mr. A. J. S. Bles (President Consular Association), Mr. W. P. Bylos, M.P., Mr. J. K. Bythell (Chairman Manchester Ship Canal), Mr. Pelham Clinton, Mr. Wm. Crowther, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Chas. Dukinfield (President Liverpool Cotton Association), Mr. Gustav Eckhard, Mr. B. Ellioger, Mr. Drummond Fraser, Mr. A. Galbraith, Mr. B. Harrison (President Chester Haworth, Mr. C. Hiltermann, Sir Wm. Holland, Bart., M.P., Mr. Alfred Hopkins. " K C., &c. (Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester), Mr. T. H. Jenkins (Mayor of Salford), Sir A. L. Jones, KC M.O. (President Liverpool Chamber), Mr. W. Joycson-Hicks, M.P., Mr. G. D. Kelley, M.P., Mr. S.: L. Keymer, Mr. Ivan Levinstein, Mr. H. W. Macalister (Prevident Manchester Cotton Association), "Mr. C. W. Macara, Mr. C. T. Necham, Mr. J. E. Newton (President Oldham Chamber), 1)r. Niven (President Manchester Statistical Society), Prof. E. H. Parker, Mr. F. W. Peel (President of the Bankers' Institute). Mr. A. D. Provand, Mr. Alfred Ree, Mr. Alec Reiss, Mr. Arthur Reiss, Mr. H. J. Reiss, Mr. W. T. Stubbs (Vice-President Manchester and Mr. F. Zimmern.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, the President said :-Our thoughts to night naturally centre around China, that vast country, exceeding in area every other country in the world under single government-excepting Russian Siberia-and con-British Empire, India included. China had a civilisation of her own long before Europe-had emerged from barbarism—but she was content with that form of civilisation during the centuries in which Europe was gradually advancing in her civilisation, and China was eventlooked longingly towards that great, mysterious country in the Far East, traving to tap its wealth and to find markets for European products. The effort to gain a firm footing for British commerce in China lasted for 65 years, dating from Earl Macariney's his lated mission in 1793. It is a grim story, associated with much bloodshed, and in some of its aspects China, and it has governed the relations between the present day. These remarks present a very cursory review of the course of events - rebuffs. and reprisals, successes and failures - during the first 6) years of the 19th century, But they bring me to the point at which our distinguished guest, Sir Robert Hart, whom we are delighted to welcome here to-night/mpon the scene. In 1859 young Mr. Hart, as he then was, resigned the British Consular Service to join the Chinese Customs service, and in 1863 he received the important appointment of Imspector-General of 'Chinese' Customs, with headquarters at Peking. It was a splendid. appointment for so young a man, and proved a most fortunate one for the Chinese Government. Foreign merchants quickly realised the benefits of the new regime, and in the course of years, the Chinese Customs service gained a worldwide reputation for excellent management and reliability. A knighthood, and, later, a baronetcy, came to Sir Robert from his own grateful country, and other European nations showered honours upon him. Thirty years after his most trusted man of European birth in the Far East. In his capacity as Agent-General the Chinese Government preserved the most confidential relations with him. The Customs receipts being mattgaged to meet China's foreign loans, Eur. pean figanciers came to look upon Sir. Robert Hart almost as a personal security for these loans, which, after the China-Japan war, had reached & 50,000,000. sterling. Sir Robert Hart's responsibilities constantly increased. Besides the control of the Customs and the foreign debt service, he successively undertook the management of the Chinese Postal Service, the ligh house service, preventive service, and various minor matters. Of his invaluable aid as a diplomatit during

with a bound. British commerce still leads the suit and which they admire. (Cheers.) Comvan in China, and cotton piece goods still form | petition, however, increaser, and not only does only takes about to per cent. of the total yard | profits - a result which is counterbalanced by supposed profit of any business to tax if age we expert, whereas India takes 38 to 30 increased consumption. per cent The impediments to the free course of trade in the interior of China still exist, development seems certain. Progress will be its, now almost treble. In 1864 the total vulsions: but, I believe, it will be continuous. of which the English flag had about half; it is The future of China is, and will long remain, | now from sixty to eighty million tons, and the the most interesting problem of world-politics. British share is still about one-balf. (Cheers.) The possibilities are immense, but the diffi- In 1864 the opium imported was valued at over that the outcome will be a closer knitting per cent. of the import trade; it now repretogether of international interests, the East | cents only about 7 per cent. a fact which | truth of the "Earthen Pitcher" fable. with the West, and a nearer approach to the shows rather how general trade has grown general brotherhood of mankind. Sir Robert | than that the opium trade has diminished. Hart has lived half a century in China, His Opium, however, is doomed. (Cheers.) Both will never again fall to the lot of any Briton and the new generation will have no opium-Lord Mayor), Mr. A. A. Haworth, M.P., Mr. an Irishman by birth) to fill an exactly parallel trade will make up for the loss of opium re- among the important points to which I would position. He has been a splendid example of venue, and not only will the country be freed the type of our untionals who have maintained from the nightmare of the opium habit, but abroad that high reputation for honour, in- foreign intercour a will be freed from an obof Sir Robert Hart, hoping that he may long be spared to enjoy the rest and freedom which these days of frequent transhipments, and also to provide for acquiring it is to he has so amply earned by those arduous services; for which we Lancashire people have | dicate precisely the whence and whither of the very special reason to be grateful. The toast was drunk with full honours, " For

he's a jully good fellow" being cordially sung. SIR ROBERT, HART.

Sir Robert Hart, who, on rising, was received with loud cheers and the singing of " lie's a Chamber of Commerce), Mr. S. I. Thomson, jolly good fellow," said : - It is with the greatest pleasure that I have accepted the invitation of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce to come to this banquet. I'am very much pleased with the cordial manner in which you have received me. The song you have sung and the cheers which you have indulged in take me back some 55 years, to-the year when I first went, taining a population equal to that of the whole to China as a student interpreter. I would supplied from Rurope has been introduced. have enjoyed them more at that time than I do now. (Laughter.) I am not a good speaker, having been in the habit of keeping silence and rather concealing my thoughts in China ing for new ventures rather than displacement than giving expression to them. (Laughter of old business that is to be seen and expected." end cheers.) I had work to do and not words | But, all the same, merchants must be on their unly left far behind In course of time, as their to speak (Cheers.) Now, that I have come guard, and good for what they want to buy or industries, expluded, the people of the West | before you I have been rather puzzled as to the sell rather than wait for customers and promanner in which I should address you, but be- | ducers to come to them. fore leaving London I hastily wrote down some words, and, if you will allow me, I will !read them, because then I think you will have more, for not only is Japun becoming more sense to listen to instead of nonsense. (Laugh- and more the minutacturing country of the ter and cheers.) ! a much has been written- Far East, but her proximity to China and the and published about China, and so much in- ability of her people to run about and do things formation is put before the public in daily and as Asiatics - in a way Europeans carnot atnot very creditable to us as a nation. However, | weekly-newspapers, in periodical Customs sta- | tempt-will give her local advantages which in 1842 we got possession of Hongleyog, which | tistics, and in annual consular reports, that it is she will naturally use to the fullest. The "open gave us a pled à terre in Southern Chine, and | difficult to decide where to begin or what to ray | door " does not mean that Japan is to be felterwe obtained openings for trade at Shanghai on such an occasion as the present and to such | ed b/ European disabilities, but that the Euroand some other ports. But China continued | an audience. Afterspeaking of the early history | pean must be equally able to do, in the interests to resist our intercourse, and it was not until of China. Sir Robert said: Some three or four of his business, what the Japanese finds possithe combined forces of Englace and France | jundred years ago the Eastern element appear- ble both in the handling of goods in 'small had occupied Canton, captured the Taku Forte ed in Chinese waters, and the Portuguese, quantities and in traversing China in every in the North, and penetrated to Tientsin, in | Spinish, Dutch, and British fligs were seen | direction in person. (Cheers) Even the Chi-1858, that the Chinese yielded, and granted over strange-looking ships at different places | nese in their native and local trades commerce freedam of trade by treaty. But more severe Some 65 years ago the inevitable occurred, to find the active Japanese a serious rival, and fighting was required before the treaty was and, after a war in which the Chinese were de. the European will have the same experience ratified in 1860. This Tientsin Treaty has been leated at all points, treaty intercourse was affort and ashore. When I came through the termed the "Magoa Charta" of foreigners, in established, and five ports opened to British | Suez Canal last June on my way home from a trade. Since that time a dizen or more States long stay in Lina there steamed ahead of Chica and Western nations from that time to have made treaties with China, and ports are our vessel a Japanese steamer, large now multiplied tenfold. All such treaties have and well trandled; and I could not help two special provisions—one is that the foreign. | realising to what an extent East (was comer is to be governed in China by his own laws ling West and preparing to compete on all and his own officials, and the other is that waters, in all lands, and in all industries whatever privileges are accorded to one coun- with the European-not to say British-monotry shall be given to all others. The first extra . palist of former days. The vessel I was on, territoriality was not objected to at the outset | too, was Garmin; one of the "small ones," and did no barm when foreigners were few, but they said, and yet of 8,000 tons, and everything the foreign element has gone on increasing, a passenger could desire was provided on and the Chinese Government now feels that it board. This fact also helped me to wate up to has given up some rights it ought io the change the world is undergoing, and to see have retained. Foreign Powers, however, I the necessity for those who have and wish to cannot forego those acquired, sights till hold what they have, to avoid falling behind-Chinese jud cial procedure is so reform. hand to any of the improvement to things or in ed as to satisfy Western and Christian ideas, and the time for such a change is still experience and studying new conditions in this far off in the future. (Hear, hear.)

THE MOST FAVOURED NATION CLAUSE. The second treaty peculiarity is what is known as "The most favoured nation "clause. and its effect is to put all comers on the same footing. This is fair to all, makes work simpler, and, emphasising the cosmopolitan appointment. ir Robert Hart has become the principle, makes preferential treatment impossible. (Circus.) Trade bas thus one tatiff to observe and one procedure to follow, and it thus happens that kuccess in business depends mare on individual ability, energy, and enterbackings . Some firms have produced mer-

appeared or barely paid their way. come almost filty, and a transit system epables merc' ants to send their foreign imports to and bring native produce for export from any and | could dispense with, her vast population, coverevery place, no matter how distant, in the in- ling such a large tract of the earth's surface, terior. Still, foreign trade, although always in. | being quite able to provide their own supplies creasing, has never realised the hopes and expectations of the men who began it, and to this | will find in the national spirit, a something those critical years following 1895 the Chinese | several causes have contributed. First of all, | which may awake to life and activity, should officials are the best judges. Nearly every forcign trade was an excrescence, for, centuries | Chinese, interests be felt to be suffering, or European, nation was demanding special before, China had its own trade to satisfy, both | should Chinese plans require concerted action privileges, and hanging round the "sick producers and consumers. New wants have and solid nity at any given memers. Forman" to secure a bountiful share of his pro- developed slowly, and native customers have leign, outerprise has awakened the East, porty, if, and when he collapsed. What a sufficed to take off the provincial surplus. and the huge and bulky population of instrain it was to be concerned in steering through | Nevertheless, it has grown and will grow, and I'dla, Chiun, and Japan, after stretching themthe shoals of intrigue and jealousy of those now that inland communication by railway and selves, will face the fact with open eyes and days, Sir Robert alone can appreciate. The steamboat facilitates movement more and more strike out for themselves when circumstances value of China's oversea trade, imports and ex. daily, consumers of foreign goods will increase demand it. Not that the principle of comports, in 1864—the earliest year in our records in numbers, and producers will be encouraged bination means hostility, but seeing that was roundly Hk. Tla 100,000,000, in 1905, to provide more largely for foreign markets. exists and, when called upon, can act powerthe summit year of her foreign trade, the total Besides, the foreign merchant is now paying fully, it is always a something to be reckoned reached Hk. Tls. 680,000,700, but that was an attention to the necessity for consulting the with and worth, studying and remembering. abnormal year of imports, as we have reason to I tastes of the natives; instead of simply expect. [ These Chicesa ethics and procedure contain

supplies of colton textiles that sont them up | their wants, and puts before them things that

THE OPIUM QUESTION. goods dealt in, it is almost hopeless to attempt however, be taken for granted that, so far, the British share in tonpage in merchandise and in payment of duties amounts to about to per cent. in round numbers, and that, although competition is keener every day, the British merchant s ill holds his own. (Cheers) Not only are the Europeans and Americans in the field in increasing numbers, but the Chinese themstives now do much the former used to do, and to some extent are doing a direct trade which formerly-pissed through verious agencies. Besides, the manufacture of goods formerly and the Indian and Japanese mills also find customers in Chinese markets; still, through it all, the volume of trade grows, and it is open! JAPANESE COMPETITION.

Japanese competition will be felt more and methods, by which newcomers, prefiting, by new epoch-the epoch of the minuficturer of power and of ab lity to go everywhere by land or sea or say-are aiming at the capture of the purse strings of the world. (Cheers.) There is much to lose for those who have not; and we are still far from the days when progress will cease or further development be impossible. (Cheers.)

... THE CHINESE NATIONAL SPIRIT. But while you Europeans, proceed on the principle of competition, and in the war-to-thedeath struggle for the command of the trade prise than on Government support or official | think nothing of crushing a rival, it is also to be remembered that where China is concerned chent princes, and others have either dis- you have to deal with a people whose idea is combination rather than competition and that, The five ports of sixty years ago have now be- although trade is growing there and is creating new interests and new sources of wealth, it is as alrerdy pointed our, a trade that Chica and ensure their own surplus. You therefore knym in Manchester, for it was our excessive I ing them to buy what he has to sell he studies I much that is of practical import and value and behaviour

their." live and let live "principle of daily life not only keeps away the competition that kills but keeps down the taxation which is barmful. the largest lien in her imports. But China | that call for increased activity, but it also affects | For example, if an official is tempted by the special y to precure funds, the trade. simply close their shops and the official speadily with-Ten years ago the duties collected on foreign | draws from the position taken up. Capitalists. nolwithstanding treaty clauses designed to trade amounted to about twenty million taels continue to keep prices up to a paying level, surmount them. Bir Robert Hart will give us | annually; they now amount to almost twice | and in doing so recognise the power the workhis views regarding the future of Chins. That that sum. The net value of foreign trade was I ing man has to combine and rob capital of all she has started on a new era of reform and then about four hundred million taels, and it power, and so take care to pay him a living wage, while he on his part knows he must not slow, and it may be interrupted by internal con- foreign tonnage was six or seven million tons; damage the action of capital by demanding wages that would cause its withdrawal and make it inoperative. (Cheers.) As in othermatters the truth lies between two extremes. and both principles have their uses; combinaculties are stupendous. We can only hope | thirty million trels, and represented about 46 | tion, however, in the stronger power, and against it competition may any day realise the SUITING CHINESE TASTES.

Your Legation at Peking never loses sight of your interests, and your consuls at the ports are position there has been unique; probably it Government and public opinion are against it, always on the alert to assist the "merchant; but. success in business depends on personal quali-Blackburn Chamber), Mr. John Harrop (Dep. (1 must not say Englishman, for Sir Robert is smokers. (Cheers) The growth of general fications more than on official backing, and recommend your attention are first of all to study the tastes and wants of the people you trade with Some of the things you produce doubtless tempt tegrity, ability, and honesty of purpose on jection and an obstacle (Cheers). Our Cus- them, but improvement is said to be called for which we justly pride purselves. In his pre- toms statistics in China are based rather on the in ascertaining and in providing what they sence I will not say more, but I will call on | carrying flag than on the actual places of con- | really like as regards materials, sizes and colours. you, gentlemen, to cordinly drink the health, sumption and production. It would be pre- And, secondly, some knowledge of the local ferable to follow the second principle, but in | dialect is a valuable possession and a good way mercantile dislike to reveal or inability to in. your youngsters go out with some knowledge of the Chinese now taught at various places in England. Dislects differ, and must be learned a change in the statistical system. It may, on the spot, but the whitten language is the same everywhere, and an introduction to a useful and practical part of it can be obtained at home. Thirdly, the Chinaman has his feelings like other men, and reciprocity is one of his good points. Friendly relations are everywhere profitable, and friendly demeanour is everywhere appreciated. (Cheers.)

CONCERNING THE FUTURE. As regards the future, one may say China is charking in every quarter. Education of the Western kind is welcom- ; railreads are increasing their mileage; the telegraph is at work everywhere; steamers on the coast and on the inner waters are increasing in numbers; newspapers are being established at all important points; post-offices are transmitting mail matter all over the country. Feking cin now be reached over Siberia in sixteen days. from London; public offices, both domestic and interational, are being handled in a most upto-date fashion. But in so large a country and with such an immense population progress, though real, must be slow, and changes, though great, can only be felt locally. With such a people-a country rich in undeveloped resources and a people possessed of every good quality-the future before the Empire cannot be other than great, and among the world Powers China one day, sooner or later, will take a front rank. (Cheers.)

The future will depend much on to-day, and it is to be hoped her foreign relations will go on improving, and that she will only have kinduess and sympathy to remember and neither wrongs to right nor grudges to pay off. (Cheers.) . I have not attempted to trouble you with the statistics of a trade that covers so many acticles and has so many ramifications.; nor, indeed, am I able to carry such a mass of figures in my head. Yesterday I received from Mr. Tattersall a copy of a circular containing statistics in which the patticulars are gone into with as many details as could possibly be required here. But I trust I have listed the curtain a little and given 'you a new peep into the China you are interested in. (Cheers.) Thope these general remarks will not have wasted your time, but will create some addi tional receptivity where Anglo-Chinese relations are dealt with, whether commercial, political, or missionary. (Cheers.) Missions merit your fullest support, and the work of missionaries the highest commendation. They will further and not damage your real mercaptile interests at all places, and I have nothing but good to say about them. (Cheers. Having fead what I have written, I will only say that I have enjoyed this evening very much. I am sorry that I have not the honour of being perionally acquainted with everyone present. appreciate very highly the very kind manner in which you have received me, and wish your great-business centre every prosperity in the surver and all the development that you desire. (Loud Cheers.)

Sever | other toasts followed .- L. G. C. Ex.

POLICHMIAN SIUNED. SCRNE AT THE HAPPY VALLEY.

Happy Valley was the scene of some disturbance yesterday afternoon, and is it to be windered at that the peace breakers made their debut in the Police Court to-day? Su Sing was the first to answer the charge of disorderly behaviour. According to the information faid against him Su was returning to town via Morrison Gap, and when requested by an Indian policeman to keep clear of the vehicular traffic ho refused. The totalt was that he was pushed to one side of the road. This Su resented, and, assisted by his chums, the policeman had a rather exciting time dodging stones alleged to have been burled by them. Su was captured after a while; his friends managed to escape, however. He was discharged with a caut'on after evidence had bren heard.

The second item to enliven the proceedings at the race course was that between a Japanese cating-house owner and his cook, a man giving the fame of Ponsonby, Both men were more or less under the influence of liquor, and they soon fell out over a most heated argument when a policeman appeared on the scene and the pair marched away. Very little is to be said after this, except that both defendants were ordered to pay a fine of \$5 each for their

#### To-dan's Advertisements.

TTONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

FLOWER SHOW

IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

FRIDAY, 26th February: Open 2 P.M. to 6 P.M., admission St. Mrs. May has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes at 5 P.M.

SATURDAY, 27th February : Open 10.30 A.M. to 3 P.M. admission 50 cts 3 P.M. 10.6 P.M. 20 cls. Children Half-price.

Tea will be obtainable on the grounds. By kind permission of Major Evans and Officers the Band of the 13th Rajputs wi play on both days from 7 37 to 6 P.M. Hongkong, 19th February, 1909.

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> S.S. "NORMAN PRINCE," FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above onmed vessel are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra haz adous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

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presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th February, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected. ARNHOLD KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1909."

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "MONTROSE," FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND

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delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th lastant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th March, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

Hongkong, 19th February, 1909.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned have been favoured with

'instructions from HENRY HUMPHREYS, Eig. to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

.WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 24th and 25th Fabruary, 1909, commencing at & P.M., and on the following day at II A.M., respectively, within his residence, "Abertholwyo," Peak Road,

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Auctioncers.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1909.

ALEXANDRA OINEMATOGRAPH.

land Street continues to provide excellen entertainment at their up-to-dateestablishment. A number of new films seen for the first time in the Colony are nightly thrown on the screen and these are undoubtedly superior to those seen elsewhere. The management is careful to see That, the pictures are up to the usual standard of excellence. Last night, another change of programme was given, when only's moderately large audience was present. which is to be regretted, as the various instructive as well as comic films offered for the delectation of the public deserve more patronage. Among the pictures shown last night, the Destruction of Stamboul by Fire" was very realistic. Of the other films depicted. on the canvas, the following comic subjects highly amused the audience;-"Grandfather's about polbing, perhaps, They were enjoying Pills," Misdeeds of a Sick of Coal," Servant themselves, and the crowd too, immensely, of an Acrobatic Family, "India Rubber Shoes" and "I am absorbed in Politics," which were thoroughly appreciated. One should visit Alexandra's in order to appreciate good, wholes Abme whatement

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1909.

TO-MORROW (OFF-DAY), 20TH FEBRUARY,

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Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 17th February, 1909,

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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NO UHILDREN moder the age of 14 years will be admitted into the Enclosure. ፒ: F, HOUGH,"

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NTO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race day WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for servants while in attendance, on their em-

ployers or, when on duty at the various Stands. Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession, will forfeit them and the holders thereof will be removed from the enclosure -

Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 8th February, 1909; ... [154:

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THE only Edition of the RACE-BOOK and PROGRAMMES authorized by the Stewards of the Jockey Club are those printed by Messis, Noronha & Co. 6.

T. F. HOUSH. Clerk of the Course: Hongkong, 10th January, 1009. ... [104]

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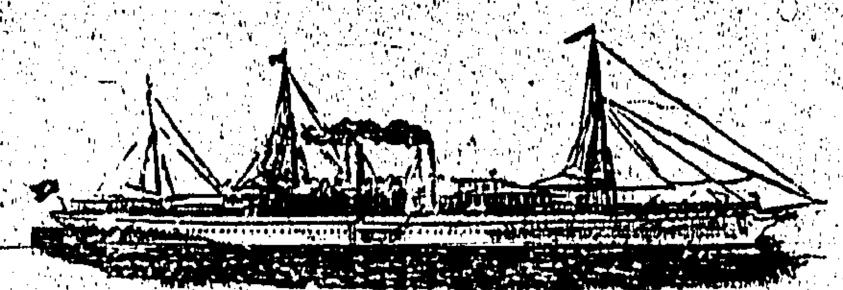
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tau-keok.....set. \$1.00 Mutton Chop-Young Pai Kwat ..... b Leg-Yeung Poi Shoulder-Young Shau ..... "

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Fat or Lard-Ohu Yau ........ Sheep's Head and Fest-Yeung Tau Keok .....set Heart-Young Sum.....each Kldneys-Yeung Yiu ..... 

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Capons, Large, Small-Sin Kai....... Ducks-Ap ....... Doves-Pan Kan .................each Eggs, Hen-Kel Tan.....per doz. Halnan-Hol Nam Kal Goeso-Ngo ...... Goese, Wild Shanghal-Shaung Hol Ye Ngo .....pair

Musk Deer-Wong Keng ......sach \$4.00 Partridge-Che Khoo ...... Pheasant-Shan Kal.....pair St.90 Pigeons, Canton-Pak Kup ...... each Holhow-Holhow Pak Kup Quali-Um-Ghup ...... Rice Birds-Wo Fa Cheuk ......dozen Snipe-Sa Chui ..... each

Turkeys, Cock-Fo Kal Kung ... per b " Hen-" " Na ... " Wild Ducks, Shanghal, Sul-ap .....pair 51.35 Wild Ducks Canton-Sang Shing Sul

> Ap ....per pair \$1:09 FISH.

Barbel-Ka Yu Bream-Bin Yo..... Canton Fresh Water Fish-Hoi Sin Yu ,

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Frogs-Tien Kal ......... Herrings-Teo Pak ........ Hallbut-Chaung Kwan Yu ........ Labrus-Wong Fa Yd...... Loach-Wu Yu. Lobsters-Lung He ......... Mackerel-Ohl Vu ....... Monk Fish-Mon Yu ...... Mailet-Chal Yu ...... Oysters Sang Hop ....... Parrottsh-Kal Kung Vo ......... Parch-Tan Lop enererererentererere Pike-Fa Pay Poong services services H.

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Shark—Sa Yu Skate-Po Yu Shrimps—Lia (Carrier of the Control Spapper Lap Vil. Tonch Wan Yn seess of the province of the land Turbot-Cho How Yu ......

Turtles, small, fresh water-Keok Yu.,,

White Balt-Ngan Yu Chal .....

#### FRUITS.

Almond-Hung Yan ....... 18 Apples, (California)-Kam San Ping

(Cheloo)-Tin Chun, Ping

Bananas, fragrant, Canton-Sang Shang Houng Ohly \_\_\_\_\_ (brides), Macao-San Heung Chiu Chestnuts, Chinese-Foong Lut.,... Carambola-Yenng Tou Cocoanuts-Yeh Tsr .......each 

Amer. - Kum San Ning Moong Lichees, Small Stone-La! Chi Con..... Fresh, Lai Chi Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong Mango, Manila-Lui Sung Mong.

Mango, Saigon-Sai Kung Moong ..... Mangosteens, San Chuk Ter per 100 ..... Oranges, Tim Chang Small—Tal Kut .....catty Mandarin-Tim Kut

Pears, (American)-Kem San Shut Li B (Canton), Cooking-Sa Li ..... (Shanghai)—Shoung Hoi Li ... "... Peanuts,-Fa Sang ..... Persimmons, Large, -Hung Chie ...... Pine-apples, 1st quality-Shoung Poon

... and cooking—Chang-lang Pawelaw anananananananan m Platains-Tal Chiu Plums, Swatow-Hung Lai ..... Pumelo, Slam-Chim Lo Yau .....each 35 Walnuts, Hop Tou Green -Sang Hop. Tou 

VELLTABLES, &c. Artichokes, Shanghai, -Sheung Hol Ah Beans, (French) Macao-Oh Moon Pin-

Beans, (French), Shanghai-Sheung Hol Beans, Sprout-Ah Choi..... Beans, Long-Tau Kok ..... Beet Root-Hung Choi Tau..... each Brinjals, Green-Cheng Yusn Ker Brinjals, Red-Hung Ker ..... Brassica-Pak Chol ..... Bamboo Shoots-Chook Shun ..... Cabbage, Chinese, com-Kai Choy,,,,, Cabbage, Red-Kai Lan Ten ...., ench Cabbage, (Shanghai)-Yeb Choi , .... Cane Shoots, bunch-Kau Shun .....

Canliflower, Large sire-Tai Yeh Choi Cauliflower, Medium size-Cheung Yeb Cauliflower, Small size-Sai Yeh Chof.fa Carrots-Kam Shon ............. Celery, Ohinese-Tong Kan Chay ..... Celery, English-Young Kan Chai Colery, White-Pak Young Kan Chalies

Chilles, Dried-Con Let Chill :...... Red-Hung Fx " Green-Choug Lat Chin ...... 35 Curry Stuff, English-Ka Lee Choi Lin 50 | Cucumbers-Oheng Kwa Garlic-Spen Tau.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

Horse Radish, Shanghai-Lik Kan ... h Indian Corn-Suk Mal- ....piece Water Chesnuts-Ma Tai ...... Mandarin-Kwel Lum, Ma Tain Musk Melon .....

Green-Bang Chung. Shal-Shoung Ho! Chung Tag Japan-Yat Poon Okroes-Mo Ker

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Small-Hol Tong. ..... Oustard-Fan Lai Chl..... each Lemons, China-Ning Moong.....

Passion Fruit ..... each

Pin Tau

Ginger, young -Sun Tax Keung. ...... old-Lo Kenng-i.....

Mushrooms, Frash-Sang Cho Kho .... Onlons, Bombay-Vonng Chung Ten ...

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Parsley, English-Young Un Sai ..... 10

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#### HIS BROTHER'S HEAD.

SHOCKING SCENE IN A FRENCH MEDICAL SCHCOL. ...

The Journal publishes the following telegram from Lille, Paris: -The brother of Deroo, one of the men executed at Bethune, on Monday, succeeded in gaining an entrance to the medical school here, yesterday, by passing in with some students, and reached the lectureroom where the head of the murderer is exposed, before he was noticed. Shaking his fist at the head, the man exclaimed; "Scoundrel, this is how I find you! You have brought dishonour on our whole family." He then rushed forward to seize the head, but overcome by excitement, he staggered and fell to the floor, and had to be removed to his home.

## COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

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#### SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAILS DUE. Canadian (Empress of India) 20th inst. German (Kleist) 26th inst., German (Prinz Waldemar) 3rd prox. Indian (Kumsang) 4th prox.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Glenfarg left Van-The I. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Kutsang from Cal-

cutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port-The H. A. L. s.s. Illyrla left Singapore on

18th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on 25th inst., p.m. The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of China arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m., on 18th inst., and

left again at 4 p.m., same day, for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 6 p.m., on 19th inst. . The C. P. R. Cols s.s. Empress of India arrived at Shanghai at 8 a.m., on 17th inst., and left again at 5 p.m., same day, for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 7 p.m. on

#### THE WEATHER.

20th inst.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:-On the 19th at 11.20 a .- The barometer has risen moderately in the northern parts of China and of Japan.

It has fallen rapidly to the Southwest of Japan and in the neighbourhood of the Loochoos, and moderately over Formasa and South

A well marked depression exists to the Southwest of Kiusiu moving quickly to the Eastward.

Hongkong Rainfall for the: 24 hours ending at to a.m. to-day, o.oo inches. FORECAST.

J.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, Light E. winds, tending to become more northerly later, fine but hazy.

with fog in places. "

s.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, same as No. 2. 4 .- South coast of China between Hongkong

and Hainen, same as No. 1.

#### Hipping.

Arrivals,

Helene, Ger. s.s., 771, J. Jessen, 18th Feb.,-Canton 18th Feb., Gen.-J. & Co. Sabine Rickmers, Du. s.s., 573, Smith, 18th Feb.,—Canton 18th Feb., Ballast,—A. P.

& Co. Britannis, Br. s.s., 5,378, S. Barcham, 19th Feb.—Shanghai 16th Feb., Mails and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Montrose, Br. s.s., 2,884, R. Glegg, 19th Feb., —Liverpool via Singapore 12th Feb., Gen. -D. & Co., Ld. Tongshing, Br. s.s., 1,173, W. Stalker, 19th

Feb.,-Canton 18th Feb., Gen.-J., M. & Hangchow, Br. s.s., 999, Mawley, 19th Feb.,-Canton 18th Peb., Gen.-B. & S.

Kwanglee, Ch. s.s., 1,468, Froberg, 19th Feb.,
—Canton 18th Feb., Gan,—C. M. S. N. Halman, Br. s.s., 636, J. W. Evans, 19th Feb., -Swatow 18th Feb., Gen,-D., L. & Co.

Palembang, Dut. s.s., 2,210, Lugasy, 19th Feb., -Singapore 4th Feb., and Haiphong 15th, Oil.---A. P. & Co. Tean, Br. s.s., 1,346, Onterbridge, 19th Feb,-

Manila 16th Feb., Sugar, Homp and Gen. -B. & S. Takosan Maru, Jap. s.s., Yamasuki, 19th Feb., -Moji 14th Feb., Coal.-M. B. K. Anhui, Br. s.s., 1,350, J. Meathrol, 19th Feb.,-Canton 8th Feb, Gen.-B. & S.

Manchuria, Am. s.s., 8,750, J. W. Saunders, 19th Feb.,-San Francisco and Shanghai 17th Feb., Mails and Gen .-- P. M. S. S.

#### Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Tilbodas, for Swatow. Numantia, for Moli. Vorwaerts, for Shanghai. Haitan, for Swatow. Roma, for Baigon, ... Palembang, for Canton. Sultan, for Yokohama, Norman Prince, for Shanghai. Germania, for Hongay, Rajiburi, for Swatow. Rajah, for Bangkok. Britannia, for Aden. Rigear, for Tameni. Chinhua, for Amoy.

Feb. 19. Haitan, for Coast Ports. Rajaburi, for Bangkok. Simonican, for Amov. Yawata Maru, for Manila, Righar, for Tameul. . Norman Prince, for Shanghai. Variozorti, for Shanghai, Riangching, for Canton. Numantia, for Portland, Or. Delta, for Shanghai; Choy ang, for Shanghai. Chinhun, for Shanghai. Sabine Rickmers, for Amoy. Mathilde, for Haiphong, Rajah, for Bangkok. Tjihodus, for Moji Rubi, for Manila.

#### Passengers arrived.

Per Baimur, from Swatow-Mr. Vahdelet, and 119 Chinese,

Per Britainid, from Shanghai for Hongkong -Mr. Chu and native servant. For Singapore -Messrs. D. Freeman and H. S. Yoder. For London-Mr. C. G. Deane, Mr. and Mrs. Dy. mond, 3 children and infant. From Kobs-Mr. John Shand, 🕦

Per Tean, from Manila-Messes, Quinan, Breck, Duon, Major and Mrs. Fulton, Messrs. Young, Daily, Sedgley, Sherbourne, Taylor and Loveres (2).

Shipping Reports. Str. Montrose, from Liverpool via Singapore: -Moderate to fresh monsoon

### VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS. China, Am. s.s., 3,186, D. E. Friele, 13th, Feb. ---- San Francisco 16th Jan., Honolulu 23rd Yokohama 5th Feb., Koba 6th, Nagasaki 8th, and Shanghai 10th, Mails and Gen,-/P. M. S. S. Co.

Chowtai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Möllerman, 14th Feb.,-Bangkok 4th Feb., Rice.-B. & S. Clara Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 1,102, J. Bendixen, 10th Feb.,-Snigon 4th Feb, Rice.-J. & Co. Daijin Maru, Jap. 8.8., 930, Y. Kaburaki, 17th Feb.,-Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 16th | Aparrl ...... | 5 a.m | 3000 - | - | SE | 0 |

Feb., Gen.—O. S. K. Delte, Br. s.s., 4,780, B. W. Snow, 18th Feb., Legaspi ..... | 5 a.m |29.91 77 |---Bombay 3rd Feb., and Singapore 13th, Mails and Gen.-P. & O. S. N. Co. Derwent, Br. s.s., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 17th Feb., Cebu

-Saigon 13th Feb., Rice.-Man Fat & Germania, Ger. s.s., 1,741, C. Jurgensen, 1214-Feb.,-Snigon 5th Feb., Rice.-J. & Co.

Huichow, Br. s.s., 1,217, E. Fonyth, 9th Feb ,-Samarang 29th Jan., Sugar,-B. & Hupeh, Br. s.s., 1,205, H. Mathias, 17th Feb.,

-Haiphong 11th Feb, and Holhow 15th, Rice and Gen.-B. & S. Japan, Br. s.s., 3,806, J. G. Olifent, 11th Feb. -Moji oth Feb., Gen.-D. S. & Co., Ld. Josoki Maru, Jap. 88., 1,850, K. Hayashi, 5th.

Feb., Moji 30th Jan., Coal, Ataka & Co. Keong Wai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, J. Köhler, 16th Feb. - Bangkok 7th Feb., Rice and Teak. : wood.---B. & S.

Kuejchow, Br. s.s., +,737, G. Hooker, 24th Jan.,-Porbolingo 17th Jan., Sugar.-B. & Lucries, Br. s.s., 1,340, D. C. H. Frampton,

16th Feb.,-Saigon 10th Feb., Gen.-Wo Fat Sing. Loosok, Ger. s.s., 1,020, G. Schultzen, 14th Feb.,-Bangkok 4th Feb., and Anghin 6th,

Rice.—B. & S. Loyal, Ger. s.s., 1,237, F. Natzins, 28th Jan., -Bangkok 17th Jan., Rice, Rice-meal, Timbers and Fish.-S., W. & Co.

Manila, Geres.s., 1,108, J. Minssen,:7th Feb. -Sydney 13th Jan., and Manila 4th Feb., Gen.-M. & Co.

Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, G. S. Weigall, 10th Feb .- Sandakan 4th Feb., Timber and Gen.-J., M. & Co. Monteagle, Br. s.s., 3,973, W. Davison, R.N.R.,

17th Feb.,-Vancouver 17th Jan., and Shanghai 13th Feb., Mails and Gen.-C. 2.-Formosa Channel, Light variable winds, Nauchang, Br. s.s., 1,044, G 1. Spinks, 2nd

Feb.,-Iloilo 29th Jan., Sugar.-B. & S. Roma, Br. s.s., 2,363, W. Storm, 13th Feb.,-Cardiff 23rd Dec., '08, Coal, -Admiralty. Sultan, Br. s.s. 1,275, L. Howard, 14th Feb. -Singapore 4th Feb., Sandalwood,-B. &

Taiwan, Br. s.s., 1,042, F. C. Everett, 13th Feb. —Canton 12th Feb., Gen.—Wing Sing. Tientsin, Br. s.s., 1,227, G. W. Redy, 15th Feb. -Sourabaya 21st Jao., and Samarang 2nd. Feb., Sugar.-H. & S.

SAILING VESSELS. Lyndhurst, Br. bark, Parnell, 14th Sept,-" Bangkok 25th Aug., Case Oil.-S. O. Co.

Steamers Expected.

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DUCK HETUKAS. HONGKONG IND WHAMPON DOCKS. H.M.S. Whiting ..... at Kowloop Dock Tatlacini Patria Commence of the Controlling Strains Colombo.....

Taiwan ...... H.M.S. Virago ...... Cosmopolitan .. Ships Passed The Canal. -

8th January—Goeben, Indrasamha, Hakata Maru, Inaba Maru, Print Regent Luitpold Prometheur. 12th January-Ching, Flintshire, Roma, Glenroy, Salarie, Cathay, 15th January -Peiko, Achilles, Dumbea, Palawan, Palermo. -Teenkal. 19th January - Armand Bekic, Benvenue, Calchas, Dendighshire, Montrose, Sophie Richmers ... 22nd January Bulow, Ningchow, Laertes Prinzess Alice, Wakasa Maru, Lourance. 26th January-Sithonia, Glamorganshire, Hilochi Maru, Konang Si. 29th January-Tudor Prince, Ching Wo, Ernest Simons, Moyune, Sicilia. 2nd February-Antilochus, Austria, Bentamers, Indramayo, Di med, Kaisow, Palma, Scandia. 5th Februusy-Kleiss, Der Minger, Sado Moru, Alcinous, Bealomond, Dardanus, Ping Susy, Kamakura Marn. Nera. 9th February-Tranquebar Meinan, Lennox, Ambria, Nile, Theseus, 12th February-Indrawadi, Tonkin, Hyson, 16th February-Monmouthshire, Istria, Sumatra, Lothian, Stam.

Arrivals at Home-8th January-Kintuck, Shimosa ' 15th January-Kennebec, Canton. 19th January - Braeman, Dumbia, Senegambia, Oobuck, Hakata Maru. 20th Jaunary-Somall. 22nd January-Bombay Maru, Goeben, China. 26th January-Inverclyde. 1st February-Palermo. 2nd February-Wakasa Maru, Moyune. 16th February-Dumbei, Wakasa 3rd Mar., II A.M. Maru, Sicilia.

CHIMA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER. February 18th, 1909, a.m.

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Mar. to A.M. Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin-Per Salazie, 2nd Mar. IT A.M. Manlla-Per Taming, 2nd Mar., 2 P.M. Singapore, Penang and Colombo - Per

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Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday. island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Fromantie-Per Changiha, 8th April

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NAME.	CLASS.	Tons.	GUMS.	I.H.P."	CAPTAIN,	Last reported at
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l'acrity		700	4	3,000	Commander C. T. K. Puller	Hongkong
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Britomart	river gunboat	710	0	900	LieutCommander F. B. Noble	Shanghai
Cadmus	sloop	1,070	0	1,400	Commander H. L. P. Heard	Shanghai
hemb	water tank and tug	390		300	Master S. West	Hongkong
llo	sloop	1,070	<u>                                   </u>	1,400	Commander C. T. Borrett	Hongkong '
RMC	- torpedo boat destroyer	306	0	5,700	Lieut. Commander A. L. Gresson	Hongkong
lora,	cruiser, 2nd class	4,360	10	7,000	Captain Rowland Nugent	Hongkong
landy	torpedo bazt destroyer	275	]	4,000	Lient-Commander B. J. D. Guy, v.c	Hongkong
int	torpedo boat destroyer	275	· · ·	4,000	Lieut-Commander Dickens	Canton
Anus	torpedo bant destroyer	280	0	3,900	LientCommander C. A. Fremantle	Hongkong
Cent	cruiser, 151 class	9,800	14	12,000	Captain G. C. A. Marescaux	Hongkong
Cing Alfred	cruiser, 181 class	14,100	18	30,000	Captain Cilnton Baker	Hongkong
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ferlin	surveying ship	1,070	6	1,400	Commander F. H. Walter	Hongkong
fonmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9,800	14	22,000	Captain Ge W. Smith	Hongkong
Aporhen	river gunboat	180	7	850	Lieut, Commander C. C. Walcott	Hongkong
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aku	torpedo boat destroyer	250	0	6.500	. Gunder W. Barlow	Hongkong
amar	receiving ship	4,650	6		Commodore H. Lyon	Hongkong
Call	river gunboat	180	2	800	LieutCommander H. R. Godfrey	Yangtso
Histle	river gunboat	710	0	900	LieutCommander H. T. Attlay	Yangtse
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\* Flying Flag of Vice-Admiral the Honourable Sir Hedworth Lambton, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief

#### FRENCH MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA STATION.

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Mamilia .			gunboat		500	6	500	Capt. L. Gorvals Salgon
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### SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	{ 1,500,000 } \$14,000,000 } \$250,000	\$2,005,774	[Interim of 62 for first balf year @ ex]	<b>5t</b> %	\$\$895 buyers LLondon £56
	National Bank of Ohina, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	{	\$10,223	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	•••	851
	MARINE INSURANCES.		10 2 3		\$1,560,000 \$232,757	HODO	S14 for 1907	7 <b>1</b> %	
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	North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£\$	Tis. 303,747 Tis. 118,277 \$3,000,000	Tis. 160,513	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	5 <b>t</b> 7	Tis, 100 sellers
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) (1)	Yangisso Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$6a	\$727,649 ) \$1,000,000 } \$199,032 }	\$502,763	S12 and bonus \$3 for 1906	8} %	\$100 buyers
	FIRE INSURANCES.  Chipa Fire Insurance Company, Limited		\$100	\$20	\$85,257 } \$1,000,000 } \$346,007 }	\$372,432	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1906	71 %	Sto6 sales
	Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited		Sago	<b>, \$</b> 50	\$15,802) \$1,\$23,941	\$428,027	\$27 for 1906	8} %	S330 buyers
	China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited  Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$15 \$50	\$25 \$50	\$7,000 \$264,638 }	51,015 Nil.	\$1 for 1906	7 <b>1 %</b>	Sta sollers S34 buyers
	Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld	10	Sig	\$15	\$607,500	\$20,279	Final of 512 making 523 for 1958	8 <b>‡ %</b>	\$18} buyors
1	Indo-Ohina Steam Navigation Co., Ld. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	179,42% 12j,344 (10,000)	£13,755	{6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @}  [ 0x 1/9 11/16=\$3, 154	5 <b>‡ %</b>	\$38 buyers \$18 buyers
	Shanghal Tug and Lighter Company, Limited		Tis. 50		Tir. 75,000	Tls. 14,510	Final of Tis, 14 making Tis, 31 for 1908	78 X	Tis. 47 buyers
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	Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld		£1	£ı	{	£11,556	{Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year end-} ing 29.2.08	, ,	Tis. 16.55 sellers
	Rub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000 -50,000	2:	01/81 <b>£</b> 2	£4,871	Dr. £2,191	No. 12 01:11-=48 :ebis	***	\$82 buyers
	DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.	18,000	\$25	525	\$53,601	53,726	\$1.75 " vent = 1 ling 31.12.00	•••	\$12
	Hongkong & Kowloon Whatfand Godown Co., Ld.,	<b>``</b>	550	<b>\$</b> 50	\$50,000 } \$26,806 }		Final of \$11 making \$31 for 1007	71 %	"\$46 buyers-
	Hongkong and Whampos Dock Company, Ld	50,000	\$50	\$;o	\$40,000 } \$76,197 } \$100,000 }	\$384,847	Interim of \$4 for account 1909	81 % 61 %	\$92 sellers Tis. 78 buyers
	Shanghai Dock and Rugineering Co., Ld		l'is, 100	ls. 100	Tis. 697,257	Tis. 33,742 Tis. 22,626	laterim of Tis. 4 for account 1908		Tis. 165 buyers
* ! !	LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.				( Tis, 135,000)	1.			
	Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ld	25,000 30,000 50,123	Tis. 100 \$25 \$15	fls. 100 \$25 \$15	Tis, 25,000 \$30,000 \$1,000	Tis, 6,531 Dr. \$4,200	Tis. 6 for 1907	940	Tis. 104 buyers Stee buyers 116; buyers
	Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50 \$100	\$50 \$100	\$648,975 } \$22,000 \$ \$250,000		Interim of \$3 for account 1908	7 %	190 buyers 593 buyers
* }	Humphroys-Estate & Finance Company, Limited Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	150,000	\$1D • \$50	\$10 <b>\$</b> 30	211,172 } 248,251 }	معوا المساد فياسا مناسدالة	6: cents for 19 8	7 %	18.65 sales
	Shanghal Land Investment Company, Limited Wast Point Building Company, Limited	78,000	Cls. 50	ris, 50	{Tis. 1,523,045} Tis 313,000}	\$278 Tls. 142,404	Final of Tis. 3 and bonus of Tis. 2 making	}	Tis. 220 sellers
	COTTON MILLS.		\$50	<b>3</b> 50	Dong	\$1 958	Final of \$2 making \$4 for 1908		
	Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing \ Company, Limited	125,000	Tls. 50 \$10	fls, 50 Sto	Tis. 150,000 } Tis. 45,939 } \$20,000	1 is, 8,820 \$9,553	Tis. 5 for year ending 31.10.1968	. معوسا	Ils. 90 buyers
2	International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	fis. 100	Fis. 75 Fis. 100	Tis. 175 000	Tis, 8,372 Tis, 6,308	Tls. 6 for year en led 20.9.06 (8 %)		Tis. 74 Tis. 79 buyers
	Boy Ches Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	ris, 500	Tis. 500	Tis. 18,257	Tls. 50,661	Tis. 50 for 1906	<b>300</b>	Tis, 375 sellers
,	Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	00,000	12/6 \$12 \$107	12/6 \$17 \$10]	£1,500 . \$25,000	£648 Nil.	1.10) par share or 1907=\$1.037	101 %	19 buyers \$114 sales 144 sales and b
•	Do. Do. special shares	# CD-000	Sto Sto	Sr S	000,000 \$:00,000	61,138 \$3 407	Bo conts for It 8	1 71 V	19.20 buyers
	Green-Island Company, Limited  H. Price & Company, Limited  L. Price & Company, Limited	40,000 400,000	\$7\$ 510	\$5 \$ta	\$12,000 \$12,000	\$48 \$5.078	S1.30 for year ending 31.7.08	5ŧ %	\$14 buyers \$9.70 soilors \$12 buyers
	Hall & Holts, Limited	21,000	\$10 \$20	\$10 \$20	\$5,000 - \$186,000	\$252 18,957	75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07 \$2 for year ending 28.2.08	10 %	\$22} buyers \$19
	Hongkong Ico Company, Limited	<b>5,000</b>	\$10 \$25 \$10	\$10 \$25 \$10	nons \$120,000	\$9,321 \$4,578	Interim of \$4 for account 1903	84 %	\$220 seller# \$25
	Maatschappij tot Mijn., Bosch-en Landbouwex.) ploltatie in Langkat, Limited Peak Tramways. Company, Limited	25,000 -		Gt, Iop	Tis. 547,500 } Tis. 27/503 }	\$8,191 Tls. 17,127	Interim of \$1 for account 1908	- P	Tis, 830 sellers
	Paak Tramways Obmpany (new)  Philippine Company, Limited  Skanghal Gas Company, Limited	56,000 75,000	10 10	and a	Stood 13	\$7,471 NIL	80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on a string so.4.08		\$14 \$2 \$8
	Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited		The 30	Th. 50 Th. 20	Tis 100,000	Tis. 6,603	Final of Tis. 4 making Tis. 74 for 1907		Tis. 121 seliers
3.2	Shanghal Waterworks Company, Limited	16,150	,(ha	£30	Tis. 15,000 S	Tis, 8,493 Tis, 58,332	Final of Tis. 9 making in all Tis. 14 for 190;  Final of 37/6 making 52/6 for 1907	16	Tis, 125 sales Tis, 437 sales
	Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000 2,000	5 5 Tis, 100	Sag S 5 Tis: 100	none. Tie. 15,295 }	Dr. \$55,602 \$236	None	71.7	\$24 \$5} sales
	United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000 20,000	\$10 \$10	\$10	\$15,000	2111	Tis. 6% for year ending 30.4.07	5 %	Tin. 94 buyers \$10
	Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	4.5	\$10	\$10	{ \$300,000} \$25,000}	\$1,360 \$6,418	{So cents on 9,900 ord, shares and \$19.80 on }  I 100 Fonnoers shares for yr, and 31.5.07.}  Interim of 30 cents a/c 1908	61 X	\$13 buyars \$9; sales
		-51000	57	57_	BCID	\$3.95	{Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the }  year ended 30th June, 1906	•••	***
	* These shares are entitled to half of the profits :						DIVIDENDS PAVABLE:		
							Hongkong & Shanghai B'king Corporation Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.	54	Fabruary 20th
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#### Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"BANCA," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND

STRAITS. Consigness of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:
From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before

Goods not cleared by the 22nd instant, at

4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consigner's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All, Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1009.

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THE Steamship

#### "PRINZESS ALICE,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being lauded and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Go-down Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th of February, will be subject to rentant

All broken; chased, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowas, where they will be examined on the 19th of February, at 9.30 A.M. All claims must reach us before the 23rd of

February, 1909, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & Co.,

Hongkong, 12th February, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

#### THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"PALAWAN," -FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before б hours.

Goods not cleared by the 20th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consigner's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods

have left the Godowns. E. A. HEWETT,

Hongkong, 13th January, 1909

.s.s. "Tourane."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. Medoc and Dordogne and from Bordeaux ex s.s. Ville d'Arras, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra barardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees: before Noon, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 22nd February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 22nd February, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 22nd February, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. P. DE CHAMPMORIN,

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and Mrs. JNO. C. d'AQUINO, a daughter. MARRIAGES: On February 5, 1909, at Shanghai, WILFRID, youngest son of the late. Augustine Hawkins, London, to FRANCES MARY, eldest daughter

On February 9, 1909, at Shanghai, CHARLES AMNER, of Ipswich, to ALICE PENNEY, of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, England. DEATHS.

On February 6, 1929, at Exeter, HERO INEZ SMEDLEY, aged 21, (by telegraph). On February 8, 1909, at Shanghai, ROBERT RONNENKAMP, the dearly beloved baby of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mackenzie, aged 13 months. On February 10, 1,09, at Shanghai, the beloved twin boy of Mr. and Mrs. REIBER, aged

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1909.

FUR INBBRIATES.,

(13th February.) Some interesting recommendations are

pointed by the Home Secretary to consider the working of the law relating to incuriates. The chairman was Sir J. Dickson-Poynder, inchriate is a person who habitually takes of tonnage sent, out with coals for According to a summary appearing in the London Morning Leader; the com- while under the influence of such thing or ber of steamers to be seeking employment, mittee recommend a new Act consolidating things, or in consequence of the effects many of which had to book to Australia and blindly assisting to create for the Chinese the various inebriate statutes from 1879 to | thereof is: Dangerous to himself or others; | accept very low rates for time charter there; 1899, and extending the law in important or, a cause of harm or serious annoyance to as low as 2/- per ton d.w. being accepted. supposes that they will cast it away a few respects. It is suggested that inebriates his family or others; or incapable of manag. The case oil trade from the United States to years hence, all that need be said is that if should be allowed to enter into a legal ing himself or his affairs, or of ordinary pro- Australia, China. and Japan has employed a they live long enough they will be convinced obligation before a justice of the peace to per conduct." Mr. Ryland Adkins, M.P., large amount of tonnage, but at low rates, abstain from intoxicants for a specified one of the members of the committee, dis- Indian business, coasting and homeward, period, not less than one year. Inchrintes are sents from the power given to a judicial has been very poor throughout the year. At also to be allowed to apply voluntarily to a authority to order the detention of an in the same time the prospects are stated to be magistrate for an order of guardianship. The | christe, at any rate for more than six months, | brightening and the reduced production of term may be for any period named by the | without the inchriste having the right to go | tonnage during the past two years has conapplicant, not exceeding a year; and he will name his own guardian. The magistrate must satisfy himself that the applicant is an inebriate, and understands the nature and effect of his application. The powers of such a voluntarily appointed guardian would be: "To prescribe for the inebriate a place of residence, either in the house of the inebriate or in that of the guardian; to deprive him of intoxicants, and prevent him from obtaining them; to require him to submit to the control of nurses or attendants, in so far as the guardian may consider necessary

(unless-the-inebriate has refused to submit to shipbullders notified the men that a reduc- valion, the commerce, and the constitution medical examination) and by a statutory tion of wages would be necessary owing to of opium. That is most certainly not the declaration, signed by the petitioner, and at | the state of trade, the latter resisted the case. Anyone who takes the trouble to cast least one other person, that the alleged in- proposition and they were locked out. After an eye over the form of invitation issued by ebriate is a person to whom the Act applies. five months' idleness the men accepted what | the United States will find that the iniquity The "judicial authority" is then to visit him, | they had throughout been offered, and re- of opium using was taken for granted, and or summon him before them and the pro- turned to work at the end of May. At the all that those participating were asked to conceedings (at which both parties may be same time the North East Coast Engineers' | sider was how to put an end to it. We : Enot represented by solicitors or counsel) should | men were on strike, and only accepted what | seen an authentic text of the instructions, be held in private if desired by the in- they had before refused after seven months' given to Sir Clementi-Smith and his colleaebriate. Before making an order the judicial idleness, and returned to work at the end of gues on behalf of the British Government, authority is to point out to the incbriate the September. The shipping trade has bene- and some of the recent actions of that Gov. advantages of the voluntary guardianship. fited by the restriction of output through | ernment quite prepare us to find that it may and when the order is made, the judicial these strikes, with the exception of a few | be as careless of British interests as if they authority should exercise discretion as to its orders that have been lost, but the men's had been drafted at Peking. On the other nature. "Guardianship is a less severe societies have been greatly impoverished, hand, we find some difficulty in believing measure than detention, and should always and the spirit the men have shown of dist that the senior British delegate would have be resorted to when practicable and likely to | regard of the interests of their societies' offi- | taken a voyage to the Far East merely to meet the needs of the case." A compulsory cials has caused the employers to resolve say ditto to a number of persons who have order of guardianship would give the guardian | upon more resolute action in the future by | never looked at more than one side of the power: ""To prescribe for the inebriate a deciding not to allow the temporising that question, and who must be densely ignor--place of residence either-in the house of the has taken place in the past, of which so much ant in regard to many of its most iminchriate or in that of the guardian, or in advantage has been taken, but that all ques portant features. In regard to Colombo, that of a licensee under the Act, but in no tions of wages shall bereafter be dealt with and, indeed, to all places where the majority other place; to place him in the care of a simultaneously in English and Scotch yards, of the population are non-Chinese, we can custodian, being a licensee under the Act; It is to be noted as one result of the depres- fully appreciate the expediency of having to deprive him of intoxicants, and prevent sion that shipowners both in Great Pritain a restrictive system of the most drastic deshim from obtaining them; to prevent him and abroad have had their attention called to cription. It was no part of the duty of our from leaving the prescribed residence unat- the serious loss entailed financially by the local Commission to inquire into the effects tended by a responsible person; to require | wasteful competition that exists. Mr. John | which the use of opium has on Europeans or him to submit to the altendance of such White writing on this aspect of the question Indians comparatively with its effect upon nurses of attendants as the guardian may think evidently from the owners' point of view Chinese, but there is a far greater tendency necessary; to warn sellers of drink and drugs, observes: "During the year arrangements, among both to go to excess in the use of any and other persons, against supplying him which it is to be hoped will continue, have stimulant or narcotic than there is among (supply after warning to be an offence under | been made between the various important | the markedly phlegmatic and frugal Chinese. the Act). The guardian; of custodian, should lines in the Atlantic trade to terminate the For that reason we have not a word to say have power no release the inebriate on rate-cutting in passenger rates. Similar against the bill passed the other day by the parole, with or without conditions, and to peaceful arrangements have been made in American Senate forbidding the importarelax the discipline as to not leaving the re- connection with the general cargo freights tion of opium except for medicinal purposes. sidence or submitting to attendants and between Brazil and the Continent and Unit. As far as the Chinese who have been

two justices, or any justice of the peace tween large German companies trading in no harm in keeping it as far away from specially appointed by quarter sessions, many different directions. The acute de-other people as possible. In China itself. Crders may be made for the detention of pression has been evidenced by the laying up either inside or outside spheres of British inchrintes in retreats, or in reformatories, of steamers in foreign ports, such as in the administration, the position is entirely differmagistrates to have power to send them to East, River Plate and Mediterranean, with ent. There we have to deal with a settled the latter in addition to or in substitution | their crews on full pay. The tonnage laid up | habit of thousands of the people, and not one for prison on summary conviction for other at home and abroad is about 1,000,000 tons of which can be regarded as a wholly useless offences, including neglect-of or cruelty to steamers. About 50 Greek steamers were laid indulgence. Even Bishop Oldham was children. The condition that three previous up at one time in the Piraeus, which is proof convinced by the evidence he heard in the convictions should be proved before an in- of the wretched condition of the Mediter- course of the Straits Commission inquiry ebriate can be sent to a reformatory is to be ranean trade, for it is certain no ship can that a great many of the Chibese consider abolished; and the consent of the inebriate make a profit if our Hellenic friends cannot." opium necessary to the preservation of their to be dealt with summarily is no longer to It may be observed that the simple effect of health, and it is quite certain, whether the which in highly developed countries perbe necessary. It is further suggested that a the owners' action is to create a series of belief be well founded or not, that there Treasury grant should be made to After- gigantic rings, which it is claimed have work. must be overwhelming justification for inter-Care Associations to induce them to render ed so much damage to British interests in fering with personal liberty in such circumassistance to inchrintes on their release from | Singapore and Penang. The production of stances. With anything that China may do reformatories; that the State should, at its the past year in British yards has been about I in the way of restricting personal liberty we own cost, provide for the accommodation | 900,000 tons of merchant steamers—only a have no concern. She is entitled to impose and maintenance of all inchriates committed little more than one-half the production of the death penalty upon opium smokers if Far East—to say nothing about localities by the Courts; and that existing reformato- | the previous year, and much less than one- | she thinks fit, but she is not entitled, under ries, so far as they are found adaptable to a half the total in 1906. Of the past years the treaties she has made, to call upon general scheme, should be taken over by production, one-fourth was built by three Englishmen to sacrifice all their opium trade, ever has been or will be in war. As an the State; and that the State should provide yards-viz., Messis. Hatland and Wolff, Luniess she gives conclusive proofs that in any further reformatory accommodation Belfast, 106,528 tons; Messrs. Workman, Tthe first instance she will take effective which is found to be necessary. The State, Clark and Co., Belfast, 50,303 tons; Messrs. steps to strong out cultivation of the poppy alone or with the local authorities, is to Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, in her own territories. The Shanghai conof the late Capt. Benjamin Wanstall of Shang- provide for the maintenance in retreats of 61,580 tons. The production of the past ference seems to have met in something the inebriates who cannot otherwise be suit- year is: the smallest for 20 years, with of a mutual admiration society spirit ably provided for, and power to recover the exception of 1893; but it must be China, with, we know not, how much contributions from relatives will be given. remembered the tonnage is steamers (as tongue in her cheek, says she has re-The State reformatories lately started at more effective than sailing ships), although solved to eradicate this evil, and all the prisons for troublesome cases are to be con- a good proportion represents special vessels, countries which do not grow opium or tinued, and one new institution specially such as fast passenger boats, and an increase conduct any, trade in it worth speaking of provided for this purpose is recommended. ing number of oil-carriers—a trade now em- praise her resolution and give assurances There is also a proposed development of ploying many steamers. The tonnage for (which will cost them nothing) of ready the system of probation introduced by last the foreign owners represents a small assistance. England with a huge revenue year's Act for ordinary offenders. If the amount only of the past year's production, in India at stake and with the incomes of

> or-uses any intoxicating thing or things, and the American fleet, This caused a numbefore a jury, if he chooses, with the con- ributed to readjust the position created by

THE DEPRESSION IN THE SHIPPING TRADE.

Act, 1906.

sequential rights under the Criminal Appeal | the over supply of speculative production in

previous years.

(15th February.) last year now coming to hand a vein of

and to warn sellers of drink and drugs, and day to establish records, it has been the been withdrawn pending the report of the remains to be seen how far the British deleto enable him to exercise proper control over | known,". Of course that is the language of | taking place at Shanghai. But, from some invitation, the inebriate, this should form a ground for exaggeration, carried to excess, and its of the remarks which have been made on compulsory measures to be applied. Power | use in a staid business resume can only | the meeting, it would appear that a certain to petition for a compulsory order is to be be attributed to the despondent feeling number of people are still under the delugiven to "a relative, friend, or guardian of the writer who has probably been serious. sion that the delegates of the various counvoluntarily appointed." The setition is to ly assected by the general depression. The tries have assembled for the purpose of be accompanied by a medical certificate year began inauspiciously because when the holding an impartial inquiry into the cultinurses." A "judicial authority" is defined | ed States; in the general trade between the | accustomed to it are concerned, smugglers as a judge of the High Court, county-court | United States and West Indies; the United and down-at-heel doctors will supply offender is an inebriate the committee pro- and few orders for these owners have been pose that the probation order should in given during the year. Foreign owners have being wiped out, is divided between a desire clude conditions that the probationer shall suffered equally, if not more acutely than to look as pious as her neighbours, and to not be intoxicated, or take intoxicants, and British owners, in their various services; that she should be subject, for a specified indeed, some orders for new steamers for time, to the supervision of a probation Continental account are reported to have officer-"we are strongly of opinion that been cancelled. Japanese shipbuilding this officer should not be a member of the | and owning, which developed so rapidly, has police force." Courts of Quarter Sessions suffered severely, notwithstanding the sub- have been to inform the Chinese Governand Assizes will also be empowered to sidies given by the Japanese Government. "commit direct to reformatories, but to sus- With regard to the trade in the Far East, it pend the operation, of the order pending is recorded that business is in the most dethe result of a trial on probation. If this plorable condition, necessitating even passes satisfactorily, the person is to stand Japanese tonnage to lay up. The low rate completely discharged. The committee of five cents per picul accepted, Saigon made by the Departmental Committee ap- propose to define "inebriate" as follows, to Hongkong, is proof of this. Rates from substituting it for "habitual drunkard," the West Coast America have been extremely helping the reform than the ten-year system.

(roth February,).

In the reviews of the shipping trade during sarcastic, home-thrusts anent the oplum trade persuly in the F.M.S. and prevent the appears to be the ambition in the present Colombo Opium Bill, which, it seems, has showthat it has been seriously abused. It

two or three great colonies in danger of preserve her reputation for financial sanity, We fear, however, that the false step was taken when a promise was given to reduce Indian production and export of opium in 1906. The wiser course at that date would ment that we would not stand in the way of her desire to introduce a reform, and that on receiving independent evidence that cultivation of the poppy was being stopped in China we would undertake to stop it in our own possessions to a proportionate extent. That would have been a far more effective way of. case there would have been a clear induceactually take place. In the other we ar a most valuable monopoly, and if anyone of their error. But whatever other countries any pledges such as the American Government suggested. This Colony has not been consulted directly or indirectly as to the confetence at Shanghai, and it ought to be left parectly free to deal with the opium question

moskably by Mr. John Anderson and his

colleagues of the Opium Commission. They

other persons, against supplying the inebriate misfortune, not the ambition, of the ship. Shanghai Commission, Humorously our gates at Shanghai will be able to escape with the same; supply after warning to be ping industry to establish a record of the contemporary remarks that it does not know from the compromising position they have an offence under the Act." If in the opinion most unsatisfactory year's trading that why any bill should be introduced or drop- been placed in through their Government's of the guardian these powers are insufficient ship builders and ship owners have ever ped because of the proceedings which are desire to deal courteously with an American

THE FUTURE OF MANCHURIA.

(17th February.) There could be no more ample or definite iemonstration of the change that has taken place within the last few years in the condiion of the vital forces of the Chinese Emre, and of the existence of a power in the Chinese body politic hitherto little appreciated by outsiders than that afforded by the Munchurian status quo writes Mr. Walter Kirton .. in the China Saturday Review "hanghai), quotes the Pall Mall Gasette (London) and from which we reproduce the following article. Similarly there are few if any, more potent indications of the latent streng of the vast aggregation of territories under the sway of a Manchil Emperor than those disclosed by a comprehensive analysis of the possibilities contained in that dependency of China proper which aforetime cradled his ancestors. It is not five years since Manchuria was the scene of world-shaking events which have left a more or less sinister impression upon the minds of men. She is still the scene of a struggle which, while of a. less sensational character, is destined to prove of an equal if not a superior epochmarking description. The spasmodic toil of war has given place to the no less strenuous but infinitely more enduring strife of peace and commerce, and Manchuria, once the cockpit of the Far East, is now in the throes of a labour which, properly supervised and protected will produce a progeny of prosperity such as few other portions of the earth's surface have presented to a welcoming world. Situated in a zone which, while subject to extremes of temperature at the solstices, is essentially a temperate one, the climate is conducive to the highest potentiality in human effort, and the country, possessing as it does a store of natural wealth unexcelled in value or extent by any other similarly consecond to none right round, the world and judge, recorder, stipendiary magistrate, any States and Mediterranean trade; also be all their reasonable needs, and there is back again. In a country such as Manchuria, where the first stage of development on modern lines was effected but yesterday, so to speak; which pertains more to the character of a colony, in need of pioneering vinces; which has come under the searchlight of political publicity inseparable from war; and which, having once entered upon a programme of modernism, is now virtually dependent for its progress and ultimate prosperity upon the instruments so creat ed, it will be obvious that machinery tains almost solely to the domain of commerce is here invested with certain attributes. of sovereignty. Rail-power on land is on terms of strategical equality with sea-power on water, and under the conditions with which not only Manchuria but the whole farther asield—are at present confronted strategy is as essential in commerce as i agent in the government and development of any country, the locomotive is infinitely more potent than either the diplomatic or military art, Thus, with this great agent in the hands of alien Powers; with the nationals of those Powers swarming at every coign of strategical advantage; with the débris of conflict still cumbering the land, and the machinery of civil administration thrown completely out of gear, the task of reconstruction may well have led to trep da- sent figures (207,800) being 110,000 tons tion on the part of the most experienced statesman and caused the stoutest-hearted to

> THE PROGRESS OF SHIPBUILDING.

in a recent issue, reference was made to the depression in the shipbuilding trade in Great Britain during the past year and the exceedingly unfavourable conditions that were experienced. Now we have received the official account from Lloyd's, which is, of course, severely practical and leaves the reader to form his own conclusions, and from all we can discover it would seem that the actual results are by no means so unsatisfactory as might have been thought from a first impression. It appears that during 1908, exclusive of war ships, 523 vessels of 929,669 term used under the present law: "An low, produced by the large amount of reduction actually adopted. In the one and 69 sailing vessels of 15,099 tons) have b en launched in the United Kingdom. The ment to China to see that reduction did war ships launched at both Government and show that the general increase which had private yards amount to 36, of 74,186 tons taken place during 1907; in the output of displacement. The total output of the United most of the other countries has not been? Kingdom for the year has, therefore, maintained in 1908, With the exception of been 559 vessels of 1,003,855 tous, It Austria Hungary, where an increase of abouting is true that the output of mercantile 15,000 tons has taken place, there has been the tonnage in the United Kingdom for last verr was the lowest on record, but may do, we protest emphatically against the dit would be foolish to expect that

representatives of Great Britain entering into high results are to be the invariable rule. As was pointed out in the previous article, the decrease in tonnage launched was to a large extent the corollary of the numerous strikes which occurred although that point does not appear in Lloyd's sumas it thinks proper, having regard to the mary. The increasing tendency to build moral and material interests of its people. steamers of large size has been again apparent How that can be done has been pointed out in the output, of the United Kingdom for 12,050,741 tons launched in the world, over 1908. During the four years, 1892-5, on an average, eight vessels of 6,000 tons and Some exceedingly trenchant, not to say would make indulgence more difficult, es upwards were launched per subum in the United Kingdom; in the following four and the Commission at Shanghai appear in abuses which may be possible under the years, 1896-9, the average rose to 25, and pessimism runs through most of the latest issue of the Straits & imes. The present conditions, but they would not take to 39 for the four years 1900-3, and dropped; nearly so gloomy and dispiriting as might have indeed one firm declares that while "It reference is primarily concerned with the sway a privilege when there is nothing to to ay for the four years 19047. During been expected, and the prospects are set 1909, an anch Acatela Mala lanneped. Of last for petter times this year.

vessels of ro,000 tons and upwards, only three were launched in the four years 1892/5;

17 were launched during the four years. 1896 9; while 32 were launched during the four, years 1900-3 and 20 during the four years 1904-7. During 1908, ten vessels of 10,000 tons and above were launched, the names of which are given, while at the present time 20 vessels, of over 6,000 tons and 12 of over 10,000 tons are under construction in British yards. Of the total output, l'60 per cent., or 554,995 tons (547,080 steam tons and 7,915 sailing tons), has been built for registration in the United Kingdom. In this connection, it should be noted that the tonnage of United Kingdom vessels lost, broken up, &c., during the last twelve months appears, from the information at present in the possession of Lloyd's Register, to have been 176,690 tons (142,110) steam, 34,580 sail). Sales to Foreign and Colonial owners for the twelve months ended November, 1908, according to the Registran General's Returns, reached a total of 262,866 tons (209,575 steam, 53,291 sail). On the other hand 2,050 tons (all steam) were built abroad for United Kingdom owners, and purchases from foreign and colonial owners during the same period amounted to 51,551, tons (46,997 steam, 4,554 sail). The sailing tonnage of the United Kingdom would thus appear to have decreased by about 75,400 tons, and the steam tonnage to have increased by 245,000 tons. The net increase of United Kingdom tonnage at the end of 1908 is therefore about 169,600 tons. For the previous five years the estimated net increase were as follows -1903; 405,000 tons; 1904, 489,000 tons; 1905, 469,000

tres, with 233,830 tons launched, followed, by Newcastle, Belfast, Greenock and Sunderland. As regards the movement of the shipbuilding industry during the course of 1908. Lloyd's Register Returns show that, at the opening of the year, irrespective of war ships. 948,800 tons (936,378 steam, 12,452 sail). were being built in the United Kingdom, The returns for the March quarter indicated a decrease of over 100,000 tons in the work stituted area, affords a field for exploitation in hand, and those for September a further decrease of 114,000 tons. A slight increase has since then taken place, and at the present time the tonnage under construction. amounts to 764,520 tons, which, however, is only 541 per cent. of the total for June, 1956, The total warship tonnage under conand settling, than any of the eighteen pro- struction in the country, is now 219,271 tons displacement as compared with 268,717 at the end of 1907. With regard to the colonies and loreign count

tons; 1906, 764,000 tons (the highest

figures on record); 1907, 426,800 tons.

Glasgow heads the list of shipbuilding cen-il

tries, the figures under that heading are also considerably below those of previous years, the total number of vessels launched being 882 of 903,617 tons, a decrease of 266,000 tons as compared with the previous ear. The leading place is taken by the United States, while Germany, France, lapan. Holland and Norway follow in the order named. Taking the United States first as an evidence of the fact that the ship. builders of Great Britain were not the only sufferers by the depression, it appears that the total mercantile tonnage reported from that country (304,543 tons), is 170,000 tons smaller than that of the previous year; the decrease in the tonnage built for service on the Great Lakes being no less than 111,000 tons. With reference to Germany, the returns show a decrease of over 67,000 tons in the shipbuilding output as compared with last year. During the years 1900 1904 the average yearly output was about 204,000 tons. In 1905, 255,000 tons were launched. and in 1906, 318,000 tons. Since then there has been a considerable decrease, the preless than two years ago. It should be stated. however, that these figures do not include vessels launched on the upper rivers, the total of which amounts to over 18,000 tons, The largest steamers launched in the coun-

try during 1908, were the George Washington, of about 25,500 tons (this being also the largest steamer launched in the world during the year), and the Cincinnati, of about 20,000; tons." Five, other steamers of between 6,000 and 10,000 tons were also launched. and two of between 15,000 and 20,000 tons. In France, however, there is an increase in the tonnage launched of 22,000, due to the building of six steamers of 6,000 tons and upwards. The figures for Japan (59,725. tons) show a slight decrease as compared; with those of 1907. They include four steamers of about 8,600 tons each. At the present time there are under construction nine steel steamers of over 72,000 tons, the largest being one of 13,500 tons, to be fitted: with turbines. The returns under review considerable reduction in the total tonnago launched. It may be noted that of the tonnage launched during 1908, the United Kingdom has acquired over 301 per cent. Of the total merchant tonnage output of the world during 1908, 502 per cent. was launched in the United Kingdom; but, if only seagoing steel steamers of 3,000 tons gross and upwards be taken into account (thus excluding vessels trading on the North American Lakes) out of the total of 179 such steamers, of 638 per cent of the tonnage has been launch. ed in the United Kingdom, It will be apparent then that Britain still leads in the shipbuilding trade even if dull days have

#### Telegrams:

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

OHINA'S CURRENCY. STANDARD WEIGHT OF COINS. [By courteey of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 12th February. No definite decision has been come to regarding the standard weight of the new silver coins.

Duke Tsai, president of the Ministry of Finance, is in favour of seven mace two candareen, while a certain Grand Councillor has pointed out that since the one-tael coin has been adopted it is inadvisable to effect any change.

AMERICA AND JAPAN. THE NEW TREATY.

[ By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 12th February. The new Treaty between America and China having been sealed with the seal of the Prince Regent has been despatched to H.E. Wu Tingfang, Chinese Minister in Washington, for exchange for the copy signed by the United States Government.

VICEROY HSU SHI-OHANG: SEEKS RETIREMENT.

[By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 12th February. H.E. Hau Shi-chang, Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces, has telegraphed to the Central Government representing his inability to accept the appointment as President of the Ministry of Posts and Communications, in consequence

serious illness. The Viceroy has again applied for leave to retire from active service.

CHAN PIK.

DESERVES PUNISHMENT. [By courtery of the " Sheung Por"] -

Peking, 12th February. The Censors propose to forward a joint memorial urging that Chan Pik, ex-President of the Ministry of Posts and Communications, be handed over to the Board of Punishments to be dealt with, as they are of opinion that the ex-Minister deserves more than simple dismissal from

> RUSSIA AND CHINA. THE BOUNDARY QUESTION. [By courtery of the "Sheung Po!"]....

Peking, 12th February. The Waiwupu in a Communication to the Russian Minister in Peking asked that Commissioners be appointed by both countries to settle all pending questions regarding territorial boundaries.

MINISTRY OF POSTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

HSU HSI-CHANG DENOUNCED.

By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 14th February. A Censor has memorialized the Throne to the effect that Hsu Hsichang (who has been appointed substantive President of the Ministry of Posts and Communications) is not conversant with railway, shipping and postal affairs; he is therefore incompetent for the post

The memorial has been shelved.

The Prince Regent has instructed Lei Tin-lam, Acting President alleged, of the Ministry of Posts and Communications, to effect reforms in the Ministry and to discharge super

numerary officials. into the errors of the former Pre- truth of the allegations. sident, Chan Pik, who had been. cashiered

duties of President of the Ministry Provinces, there was a credit balance of Posts and Communications. He (in the Provincial exchequer) of she has started on a new era of velorm and the salaries of officials, including Shi-chang was appointed Viceroy he slow, and it may be interrupted by internal con-Leung Tse-yi's emoluments.

Tse has decided to resign. . Viceroy. Chang. of Canton pro- six million tauls, poses to take the latter official back into the service of his provincial administration with a view to placing him in charge of railway affairs within the province.

to Grand Secretary Chang Chih. by day and night

tung strongly urging that he should not be appointed to the Presidency of the Ministry of Posts and Communications, since he is apprehensive lest, the post being an important one, he will-invite jealousy (from among his brother officials)

Up to the present, already seventeen officials have resigned their offices from the Ministry, of Posts and Communications.

H.E. HSI LIANG. REFUSES MANCHURIAN VICEROYALTY.

[By courtery of the" Shoung Po."]

Peking, 14th February. H.E. Hai Liang, Viceroy of the Yunkwei Provinces, has memorial ized to the effect that he be not transferred to the Viceroyalty of the Three Eastern Provinces

The Central Government would not, however, attend to the prayer of the memorialist.

EX-VICEROY SHUM.

PROPOSED RECALL TO OFFICE

[By courtery of the " Sheing Po."]

Peking, 14th February. The Grand Councillors, recognising the Prince Regent's desire to have the return of ex-Viceroy Shum to office, propose that, upon the termination of the one hundred days' mourning, he be recalled for re-appointment to an office of State.

GOVERNOR OF HONAN. DENOUNCED. BY A CENSOR.

[By couriesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 14th February. A Censor has severely denounced the Governor of Honan.

The memorial has been shelved.

GASHIERED OFFICIALS.

NO REINSTATEMENT.

By coursesy of the "Showng Po."] Peking, 14th February The Prince Regent has a great

dislike for office-seekers. His Highness has disallowed the presentation of memorials in favour of reinstatement into office of cashiered

SHANGHAI OLUB.

CORNER-STONE LAID TO-DAY. WARREN APPEARS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 16th February, Sir Pelham Warren, the British Consul-General at Shanghai, laid the corner-stone of the new Shanghai

Club to-day. There was a large attendance:

CHAN PIK'S DEPARTURE. A POOR SEND OFF.

[By courtery of the "Sheung.Po."],

Peking, 18th February. Chan Pik, ex-president of the Ministry of Posts and Communica tions, left Peking on the 16th inst. Only a few Japanese saw him

HSU SHI-CHANG'S IM-

PEACHMENT. SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.

[By courtery of the "Bhoung Po."]

Peking, 18th February. The Censors denounced H.F. Hsu Shi-chang, Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces, for having, it is embezzled large sums

Confidential instructions have been despatched to Luk Sing-lam, Tieh Liang and Young Shi-chang to con-Lei was also enjoined not to fell duot secret investigations into the

Later. stated that, when Chiu I-cheung left per cent The impediments to the free course ferable to follow the second principle, but in great, can only be felt locally. With such a people—a country rich in undeveloped—re-Lei Tin-lam has taken up the the Viceroyalty of the Three Eastern notwithstanding treaty clauses designed to has begun by reducing considerably seven million taels, Since H.E. Hsu has spent money recklessly with the The future of China is, and will long remain, result that there is now a deficit of

A Tokio despatch of 11th fast, says; - Grand together of international interests, the East, chiebrations took place in the Hibiya Pilk this with the West, and a nearer approach to the attermoon in bodour of the twansleth armivers, general protherhood of mankind. Bir Robert' sary of the promulgation of the Japanese con- Hart has fired ball a century in China. His stitution. The festivities were followed by a position there has been unique; probably it to the Emperor which was appring which was appring about an exectly parallel [all, the volume of trade grows, and it is open. The curtain a little and given you a new prep | ult. with tellel crews for several designoses and Hau Hal-chang has telegraphed to the Emperor which wis aggriphosphy adopt. In Thamphal procession He has been a splendid example of the Change has telegraphed. The has been a splendid example of the has been a splendid example

MANCHBSTBR. CHAMBBR. OP COMMBRCS.

DINNER TO BIR ROBERT HART.

The Manchester's Chamber of Commerce held a dinner of the members to meet Sir Ro bert. Hart, Bart, o.c.M.o. at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on goth ulter The chair-Man was Mr. France Ashworth, President of the Chamber, who was assisted by incompany of 280 members and their friends, including Sir F. F. Adam, C.LE. (Treasurer, Manchester Chamber of Commerce), Mr. H. R. Armitage MY. W. Ashworth, Mr. A. G. Angler, Mr. M. Bastleid, Mr. R. N. Barclay, Mr. T. H. Barker (Secretary: Liverpool : Chamber), Mr. Chas. Behrens, Mr. Guetav Behrens, Mr. A. I. Blee (President Consular Association), Mr. W P. Byles, M.P. Mr. J. K. Bytholle (Chairman Manchester Ship Canal) Mr. bett Clitton, Mr. Wm. Crowther, Mr. Dodd: Mr. Ches. Dukingeld (President Liverpool Cotton Association), Mr. Gustav Eckhard, Mr. B. Ellinger, Mr. Drummond Fragor, Mr. A. Galbraith, Mr. H. Harrison (President Blackburn Chamber), Mr. John Harrop (Dep. Lord Mayor), Mr. A. A. Haworth, M.P., M. Chester Haworth, Mr. C. Hiltermann, Sir Wm. Holland, Bart., M.P., Mr. Alfred Hopkins K.C. &c. (Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester), Mr. T. H. Jenkins (Mayor Salford), Sir A. L. Jones, R.C.M.C. (President Liverpool Chamber), Mr. W. Joynson-Hicks, M.P., Mr. G. D. Kelley, M.P., Mr. S. L. Key mer, Mr. Ivan Levinstein, Mr. H. W. Macalis ter (Prefident Manchester Cotton Association) Mr. C. W. Macara, Mr. C. T. Necham, M. J. E. Newton (President Oldham Chamber) Dn. Niven (President : Manchester! Statistical Society), Prof. E. H. Parker, Mr. 'F. W Peal (President of the Bankers' Institute) Mr. A. D. Provand, Mr. Alfred Ree, Mr. Alec difficult to decide where to begin or what to Roiss, Mr. Arthur Reiss, Mr. H. J. Reiss. W. T. Stubbs (Vice-President Manchester Chamber of Commerce), Mr. S. I. Thomson, and Mr. F. Zimmern.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, the President said :-: Our thoughts to night naturally centre around China, that vast country, exceeding in area every. other country in the world under single government-excepting Russian Siberia-and containing a population equal to that of the whole British Empire, India included. China bad i civilisation of her own long before Europe had emerged from barbarism-but she was content with that form of civilisation during the centuries in which Europe was gradually advancing in her civilisation, and China was event ually feft far behind. In course of time, as their industries expanded, the people of the West looked longingly towards that great, mysterious country in the Far East, craving to tap its wealth and to find markets for European products. The effort to gain a firm footing for British commerce in China lasted for 65 years, dating from Earl Macartney's ill-fated mission in 1793. It is a grim story, associated with

much bloodsted, and in some of its aspects not very creditable to us as a nation. However in 1842 we got possession of Hongkong, which gave us a bled d terre in Southern China, and we obtained openings for trade at Shanghai and some other ports. But China continued to resist our intercourse, and it was not until the combined forces of England and France had occupied Canton, captured the Taku-Forts | same footing. This is fair to all, makes work in the North, and penetrated to Tientsin, in 1858, that the Chinese yielded, and granted freedom of trade by treaty. But more severe fighting was required before the treaty was ratified in 1860. This Tientsin Treaty has been termed the "Magna Charta" of foreigners in China, and it has governed the relations between Ching and Western nations from that time to the present day. These remarks present a very bursory review of the course of events - rebuffs | appeared or barely paid their way. and reprisals, successes and failures-during the first 60 years of the 19th century, but they bring me to the point at which our distinguish. ed guest. Sir Robert Hart, whom we are bring native produce for export from any and delighted to welcome here to-night upon the every place, no matter how distant, in the inscene. In 1859 young Mr. Hart, as be then torior. Still, foreign trade, although always in was, tesigoed the British Consular Service to creasing, has never realised the hopes and exjoin the Chinese Customs service, and in 1863 pectations of the men who began it, and to this he received the important appointment of Imspector-General of Chinese Customs, with -headquarters at Peking ... It was a splendid appointment for so young a man, and proved a most fortunate one for the Chinese Government. Foreign merchants quickly realised the benefits of the new regime, and in the course of years, the Chinese Customs service gained a worldwide reputation for excellent management and reliability. A knighthood, and, later, a baronetcy, came to Sir Robert from his own grateful country, and other European nations showered honours upon him. Thirty years sfor his

appointment. Sir Robert Hart has become the most trusted man of European birth in the Far Rast. In his capacity as Agent-General the Chinese Government preserved the most confidential relations with him. The Customs receipts being mortgaged to meet China's foreign loans. European financiers came to look upon Sir Robert Hart almost as a personal security for these loans, which, after the China-Japan war, had reached £50,000,000 sterling. Sir Rebert Hatt's responsibilities constantly increased. Besides the control of the Customs and the foreign deb! service, he successively undertook the management of the Chinese Postal Service, the lighthouse service. preventive service, and various minor matters. Of his invaluable aid as a diplomaist during

those critical years following 1895 the Chinese officials are the best judges. Nearly every European nation was demanding special privileges, and hanging round the "sick man" to secure a boundful share of his property, 'if, and when he' collapsed. ' hat strain it was to be concerned in steering through the shoals of intrigue and lealousy of those days, Sir Robert slone can appreciate. The value of China's oversea trade, imports and exports, in 1864 - the earliest year in our records -was roundly Hk. Tis 103,000,000. In 190 the summit year of her foreign trade, the total reached Hk, Tis. 680,000,000, but that was an abnormal year of imports, as we have reason to

know in Manchester, for it was our excessive supplies of cotton textiles that sent them up with a bound. British commerce still leads the his views regarding the future of China. That the most interesting problem of world-politics. The possibilities are immense, but the diffi-

culties are stupendous. We can only hope that the outcome will be a closer knitting

abroad that high reputation for honour, integrity, ability, and honesty of purpose on which we justly pride purselves. In his presencer! will not say more, but I will call on you, genblemen, to cordially drink the health. of Sir Robert Hart, hoping that he may long be spared to enjoy the rest and freedom which he has so emply carned by those arduous sorvices, for which we I ancashire people have very special reason to be grateful:

The tomt was drunk with full honours, " For be's a jolly good fellow" being cordially sung. SIR-ROBERT-HART.

Sir Robert Hart, who, on rising, was received with loud cheers and the singing of "He's a folly good fellow," said :-- It is with the greatest pleasure that I have accepted the invitation of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce to come to this banquet. I am very much pleased with the cordial manner in which you have received me. The song you have sung and the cheers which you have indulged in take me back some 55 years, to the year when I first went to China as a siudent, interpretor. I would have enjoyed them more at that time than I do now. (Laughter.) I am not a good speaker, having been in the habit of keeping silence and rather concealing my thoughts in China than giving expression to them. (Laughter and cheers,) I had work to do and not word to speak. (Cheers.) Now that I have come of I before you I have been rather puzzled as to the mapper in which I should address you, but before leaving London L hastily wrote down some words, and, if you will allow me, I wil road them, because then I think you will have I sense to li'ten to instead of nonsense. (Laugh ter and cheers.) o much has been written and published about China, and so much information is put before the public in daily and weekly newspaper , it periodical: Customs sta tistics, and in annual consular reports, that it is on such an occasion as the present and to such an audience. After speaking of the early hi tory of China, Sir Robert said : Some three or four hundred years ago the Eastern element appeared in Chinese waters, and the Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, and British flags, were seen over strange-looking ships at different places. Some 60 years ago the inevitable occurred, and, after a war in which the Chinese were defeated at all points, treaty intercourse was established, and five ports opened to British trade. Since that time a dozen or more States have made treaties with China, and ports are now multiplied tenfold. All such treaties have two special provisions—one is that the foreignor is to be governed in China by his own laws and his own officials, and the other is that whatever privileger are accorded to one country shall be given to all others. The first extraterritoriality was not objected to at the outset, nt d did no harm when foreigners were few, but the foreign element has gone on increasing. and the Chinese Government now feels that has given up "some rights it ought retained. Foreign Powers, however, cannot forego those acquired rights Chinese judicial procedure is so reformed as to satisfy Western and Christia ideas, and the time for such a change is still

(ar off in the future. (Hear, hear.) THE MOST FAVOURED NATION CLAUSE. The second treaty peculiarity is what known as "The most favoured nation" clause and its effect is to put all comers on th simpler, and, emphasising the cosmopolitan principle, makes preferential treatment impossible. (Cheers.) Trade has thus one tariff to observe and one procedure to follow, and thus happens that success in business depends more on individual ability, energy, and enterprise than on Government support or official hackings. Some firms have produced morchant princes, and others have either dis

The five posts of sixty years ago have now be come almost fifty, and a transit system enables merchants to send their foreign imports to and several causes have contributed. First of all foreign trade was an excrescence, for, centuries before, China had its own trade to satisfy both producers and consumers. New wants have developed slowly, and native customers have sufficed to take off the provincial surplus. Nevertheless, it has grown and will grow, and now that inland communication by railway and steamboat facilitates movement more and more daily, consumers of foreign goods will increase in numbers, and producers will be encouraged to provide more largely for foreign markets. Besides, the foreign merchant is now paying tastes of the natives; instead of simply expecting them to buy what he has to sell, he studies their wants, and puts before them things that suit and which they admire. (Cheers.) Com: | Someof the things you produce doubtless tempt petition, however, increases, and not only does profits-a result which is counterbalanced by

increased consumption.

THE OPIUM QUESTION. Ten years ago the duties collected on foreign trade amounted to about twenty million taels appually they now amount to almost twice that sum. The net value of foreign trade was then about four hundred million taels, and is now almost treble. In 1864 the total foreign tonnage was six or seven million tons. of which the English flag had about half; it now from sixty to eighty million tons, and the British share is still about one-half. (Cheers. In 1864 the opium imported was valued at over thirty million tacls, and represented about 46 per cent, of the import trade; it now represents only about 7 per cent. - a fact which shows rather how general trade has grown than that the opium trade has dim nished, Opium, however, is doomed. (Cheers.) Both Government and public opinion are against it, and the new generation will have no opiumsmokers. (Cheers.) The growth of general trade will make up for the loss of opium revenue, and not only will the country be freed from the nightmare of the opium babit, but foreign intercourse will be freed from an objection and an obstacle. (Cheers). Our Cus- interational, are being handled in a most upthe largest item in her imports: But China toms statistics in China are based rather on the to-date fashion. But in so large a country and the largest item in her imports: But China items statistics in China are based fainer on the little and immense population progress, Gravitation overflow only takes about to per cent of the total ward. carrying flag than on the actual places of con- with such an immense population progress, Gravitation overflow only takes about to per cent of the total ward. carrying flag than on the actual places of con- though real, must be slow, and changes, though Reservoir overflow. In their memorials, the Censors | only takes about to per cent of the total ward. | carrying may man on the actual places of con- | with such an immense population progress, though real, must be slow, and changes, though. dicate precisely the whence and whither of the quality-the future before the Empire cannot goods dealt in, it is almost hopeless to attempt | be other than great, and among the world a change in the statistical system. It may, Powers China one day, sooner or later, will however, be taken for granted that, so far, the take a front rank, (Cheers,) British share in tonnage in merchandise and in payment of duties amounts to about 50 per cent. It is to be hoped her foreign relations will go in round numbers, and that, although competi- on improving, and that she will only have tion is keener every day, the British merchant still holds his own. (Cheers.) Not only are peither wrongs to right nor grudges to pay off. the Europeans, and Americans in the field in increasing numbers, but the Chinese themselves now do much the former used to do, and | many articles and has so many remifications; to some extent are doing a direct trade which | nor, indeed, am I able to carry such a mass of formerly passed through various agencies, figures in my head. Yesterday I received Besides, the manufacture of goods formerly from Mr. Tattersall a copy of a circular consupplied from Europe bas been introduced, taining statistics in which the particulars are and the Indian and Japanese mills also find gone into with as many details as could possibcustomers la Chinese markete; still, through it ly be required here. But I trust I have lifted

But, all the same, morchants must be on their guard, and go out for what they want to buy or sell rather than wait for customers and pro-

JAPANESE COMPETITION.

Japanese competition will be felt more and more, for not only is Jouan becoming more and more the manufacturing country of the Far East, but her proximity to China and the ability of her people to run about and do things ns Asiatics - in a way Europeans carnot attempt-will give her local advantages which she will naturally use to the fullest. The "open door " does not mean that Japan is to be fettered by European disabilities, but that the European must be equally able to do, in the interests. of his business, what the Japanese finds possiblanboth in the handling of goods in semali quantities and in traversing China in every direction in person. (Cheers.). Even the Chi nese in their native and local trades commenceto find the active Japanese a serious rival, and the European will have the same experience affort and ashore. When I came through the Suez Caual last June on my way home from a long stay in China there steamed aboad of our versal a " Japanese ateamer, large and well "bandled, and I could not help realising to what an extent East was comwaters, in all lands, and in all industries that Berdu. Shibusawa, Mr. Hayakawa, of the with the European -not to say British -mono. Mitsui Bank, and Mr. Toyokawa, of the Mitsu polist of former days. The vessel I was on, Bish Bank, have agreed to take upon themtoo, was German : one of the "small ones,"; they said, and yet of 8,000 tons, and everything | were first asked by the auditors of the coma passenger could desire was provided on | pany to lend their assistance, these gentlemen is much to lose for those who have not, and we justment is progressing. are still far from the days when progress will cease or further development be impossible.

. THE CHINESE NATIONAL SPIRIT, . But while you Europeans proceed on the principle of competition, and in the war-to-thedeath struggle for the command of the trade think nothing of crushing a rival, it is also to be remembered that where China is concerned you have to deal with a people whose idea i combination rather than competition, and that, although trade is growing there and is creating new interests and new sources of wealth, it is as already pointed out, a trade that Chica. could dispense with, her vast population, covering such a large tract of the earth's surface. being quite able to provide their own supplies and ensure their own surplus. You therefore will find in the national spirit ansomething which may awake to life, and activity should Chinese interests be felt to be suffering, or should Chinese plans require concerted action and solidarity at any given moment. Foreign enterprise has awakened the East. and the huge and bulky population of India, China, and Japan, after stretching themselves, will face the fact with open eyes and strike out for themselves when circumstances demand it. Not that the principle of combination means hostility, but seeing that i exists and, when called upon, can act power fully, it is always a something to be reckoned with and worth studying and remembering. These Chinese ethics and procedure contain much that is of practical import and value and their " live and let live " principle of daily, life not only keeps away the competition that kills but keeps down the texation which is harmful. For example, if an official is tempted by the supposed profit of any business to tax specially to procure funds, the traders simply close their shops and the official speedily withdraws from the position taken up. Capitalists continue to keep prices up to a paying level and in doing so recognise the power the working man has to combine and rob capital of all power and so take care to pay him a living wage, while he on his part knows he must not damage-the action of capital by demanding wages that would cause its withdrawal and make it inoperative. (Cheers.) As in other matters the truth lies between two extremes. and both principles have their uses; combination, however, in the stronger power, and against it competition may any day realise the truth of the "Harthen Pitcher" fable.

SUITING CHINESE TASTES. Your Legation at Peking never loses sight of your interests, and your consuls at the ports are always on the alert to assist the merchant; but: success in busidess depends on personal qualiattention to the necessity for consulting the lifeations more than on official backing, and lamong the important points to which I would recommend your attention are first of all tostudy thetaites and wants of the people you trade with them, but improvement is said to be called for that call for increased activity, but it also affects in ascertaining and in providing what they really like as regards materials, sizes and colours. And, secondly, some knowledge of the local dialect is a valuable possession and a good way to-provide for acquiring it is to let your youngsters go out with some knowledge. of the Chinese now taught at various places i England. Dialects differ, and must be learned on the spot, but the written language is the same everywhere, and an introduction to useful and practical part of it can be obtained at home. Thirdly, the Chinaman has his feelings like other men, and reciprocity is one of his good points. Friendly relations are every. where profitable, and friendly demoanour everywhere appreciated .- (Cheers.)-

CONCERNING THE FUTURE. As regards the future, one may say, China is. changing in every quarter. Education of the Western kind is welcome; railroads are in. creasing their mileage; the telegraph is at work everywhere : steamers on the coast and on the laner waters are increasing in numbers; newspapers are being established at all important points; post-offices are transmitting. mail matter ill over the country. Peking, can now be reached a ver Siberia in sixteen days from London; public offices, both domestic and

The future will depend much on to-day, and kindness and sympathy to remember and (Chaers.) I have not attempted to trouble you [with the statistics of a trade that covers so

wasted your time, but will create some addltional receptivity where Anglo-Chinese relations are dealt with whether commercial, political, or missionary. (Cheers.) Missions merit your fullest support, and the work of missionaries the highest commendation. They will further and not damage your real mercantile interests at all places, and I have nothing but good to say about them. (Chaers.) Having road what I have written I will only say that I have enjoyed this evening very much. I am sorry than I have not the bondur of being personally acquainted with everyone presentappreciate very highly the very kind manner in which you have received me, and I wish your great business centre every prosperity in the future and all the development, that von destre. (Loud cheers.)

Several other tonsts followed. L. G. C. Rate

JAPAN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY

READJUSTMENT HOPEFUL.

The Japan Chronicle of 4th inst. says :- The readjustment of the position of the Dal Nippon Sugar Refining Company has not yet been proing West and preparing to compete on all posed in any definite form. It is now reported solves the work of readjustment. When they board. This fact also helped me to wake up to agreed to assist the auditors on ascertaining the change the world is undergoing, and to see the following points : -(1) The views of the the necessity for those who have and wish to | Government on the question of according hold what they have, to avoid falling; behind- | equal treatment to sugar produced in Formosa hand in any of the improvement in things or in | and in Japan Proper. (.) Whether the sharemethods, by which newcomers, profiting by holders of the company would be willing to experience and studying new conditions in this | forego a dividend for some years. (3) Whether: new epoch-the epoch of the manuficturer of the creditor banks would allow time for the power and of ability to go everywhere by land | settlement of money advanced to the company. or sea or sky-are aiming at the capture of the Now that the outlook for a solution of theses. purse strings of the world. (Cheers.) There questions appears hopeful, the work of read-

> QUESTIONS BY PARLIMENTARY COMMITTEE. The Japan Chronicle, of 5th inst., reports !-The committee in the House of Representatives on the Bill relating to the reimbursement of Customs duty on imported crude sugar met op the 2nd instant. Messrs. Tomijima and Kase put the following questions to the Government

(1) What deficit of revenue has been caused by the failure of sugar-refining companies on the suspenion of operations by sugar mills? (2) What is the cause which has led to appension of operations by sugar mills, in

(3). What is the value of the shates and debentures of the Dai Nippon Sugar Refining Company accepted by the Government as security for tax due by the company?

Mr. Sakural, Director of the Revenue Bureau, said that he was unable to reply to the first juestion. The cause which led to the suspension of operations by sugar mills was the heavy. production and importation of sugar in anticipation of the increase in the sugar excise effected last year, as might be seen from the fact that the quantity of sugar in stock on which the taxy could not be imposed was estimated at 150,000,000 kip. The number of shares of the Dal Nippon Sugar Company accepted: as security was 31, tot (old and new), representing Y1,035,000 in face value, in addition to 6,500 debentures, the face value of which was Y650,000. The amount of tex due sgainst the security was Y1,544,190. The market value of the old shares at the time they were accepted was Y105.60 and Y129 94, and that of the new shares Y27 and Y38. The present market value (a few days ago) was Y77.60 for the old and Y16 for the new. ---

[We cannot understand how these figures can have been given. On the day the Government delegate made this raply, the quotation of the old shares of the Dai Nippon Sugar Company was Y35 and the new shares Y10,]; The company was ordered to supplement the deficit caused by the fall in the market, and

demand was, made, for the payment of that portion of the tax which had fallen duer The meeting decided to solicit the presence of the Ministers-of-Finance and Agriculture and Commerce and adjourned the sitting.

WATER RETURN

Level and storage of water in reservoirs. CITY AND HILL DISTRICT.

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Consumption of water in the City and Hill District during the month of January. Consumption ... 137,211,000, 136,288,000 gallons, 206, 60 ... 207, 60 Estimateo

population : Consumption 21.1, gailons. per head per ) day......

Constant supply throughout the City during anuary in both years. The return of consumption is subject to. error owing to the difficulty of accurate means surement whilst the extension works at Albany

Filter: Beds are in progress. KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

STORAGE GALLONS

vitation Res \$ 130,400,000 156,300,000 gallons Consumption of water in Kowloon during the month of January:-

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Consumption 3 8.5 ro.5, gallons per head per

The Government Analysis reports that the water is of excellent quality of the or W. CHATHAM

#### Hongkong University Scheme.

THE GOVERNOR'S VIEWS.

ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE SCHENE.

Mr. A. M. Thomson, and Mr. C. Clementi.

gentlemen :--Kai: Yau Wo. Co., Tong Tsz Sau, Chan | principally to make this project h success. Kik Sun: Chap Sing Co.: Lo Cho Sun; Sin | 'Chu Wan; Sam Wong Co.: U Yuk Chi: | wish to particularly emphasize, Ho Sing Chan: Sincere Co.: Ma Ying Pui: 1 Cheng Ohi; Ki Hing Pawn-shop; Li its local teaching staff, Yung Kin Pong; French Bank: Kwok Sui of the Western races. Lau: Netherlands Bank: Chan Ngan Ting: Mok Tso Chun, Mok Yuk Lim : Sui Li Hong : U Hoi Chan: Holland and China Trading. Co.: Tong Lai Chuen: Kowloon Godown Co.: | Wong Kam Fuk: larding Sugar Refinery: Lap Chi; Tai Wo Hong: Yip Shun Kum; Shewan Tomes: Fung Wai Chuen; Watson and Co.: Lau Chu Pak; Standard | ful issue. Oil: Wong Sui Tong: Jebsen & Co.: Chan U Ting: Hongkong Hotel: Si 'Po Sum; Kowloon West Godown: Hung Tez Leung; Lai Kwai Pui, c/o The Chun On Fire Insurance Co., Ld.: Wong Wing Siu: c/o The Hon. Mr. Wei Ynk: U Yik Nam; c/o Fat Kee, No. 226, Des Vœux Road Central; Cheung-Sum-Wo; No. 5. Glenealy :- Kwan-Sum Yiu :- Dr.- Kwan- ser standard.----Sum Yiu, 18A, Stanley Street; To Kok Sun; Alice Memorial Hospital; Wan Mun Kai; Dr. Wan Mun Kai, No. 12, D'Aguilar Street; S. Tso,'28A, Des Vœux Road Central : Sin Tak Fan: Messrs. Ewens and Harston; Chan Sui Pak: Chinese Commercial Union; Wan Tsun: The Universal Circulating Harold; Luk Hing Nam, Ngan Kut Po ; Chinese Mail; Luk Pak Chau; The Daily Press; Au Tung Chi, c/o Dr. Wan Mun Kai; Lai Ut Chun; Ah Fong, photo-

grapher. His Excellency the Governor said: -- Gentlemen.—There is no need, I think, for me to addoes you in any detail in regard to the object which has brought us together to-day, for you have already seen the lengthy statement which I drew up; which, by the personal exertions of Dr. Ho Kai and Mr. Lau Chu Pak has been translated into Chinese. That statement sets out the object we have in view in establishing a University in Hongkong, and it also explains the nature of the task we have before us if the scheme is to be a success. In a word, it is this. Mr. Mody offers to erect the buildings whatever they may cost, in accordance with the design submitted, provided we can raise an adequate endowment fund: Some of the leading members of the community have discussed the matter with me, and we came to the conclusion that an adequate endowment meant a sum of about a million dollars. Mr. Mody has consented to keep his offer open for 6 months, but if within that period we shall have succeeded in raising a very substantial part of the money required. I have no doubt he will consent to an extension of the time. It will. 'State's sanction to devote the fine site near the sticks during a Japanese burial. junction of the Bonham and Pokiulam Roads favourable.

I have appointed a Committee of eleven under my own Presidency to deal with all questions regarding this scheme, and they are met together to-day for the first time-the Chinese community-are represented on this Committee by Hon. Dr. Ho Kai and Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk. I have also on their suggestion appointed you, gentlemen, to be Nub-Committee for the purpose of faising I postage a Calbere lank which was within the i which we will fix later-so that all those who | charge against him was dismissed. this Colony.

Straits Settlements. I have not yet had time Opium Farmer and Mr. Upcott detended.

for any reply. I have written to the China Association and though no reply is yet due the President, Mr. Scott, who was lately here, most thoroughly assured me of his support, and said. he would do all in his power to gain support in Rogland. I have written to the Chancellor of the Oxford University, Lord Curzon, and to the Viceroy of Canton, and to Lord Elgin, I lately Secretary for the Colonies and to other people as well, including the Municipality of Shanghai. The Chairman replies that be believes Ameeting of the Committee appointed to con- | the Municipal Council of that Settlement are elder the proposal to establish a University in Jupanimous in the view that the scheme is en-Hongkong was held last Monday forenoon at I titled to the cordial support of all, and he will which His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard | reply more fully later on. But, gentlemen, presided. The Committee, most of whom were I though I hope and believe I shall succeed in present at the meeting, consist of the following | obtaining a wide sympathy and support for gentlemen:—His Lordship the Rt. Rev. the Bi- this scheme among my own countrymen in shop of Victoria, H.N. Mody, Esq., The Hon. Mr. | England and elsewhere I must remind you F. H. May, C.M.G., The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., that the project is primarily for the Chinese, The Hon. Mr. Wei-Yuk, C.M.G., The Hon. Sir I and I look to the Chinese to provide the bulk Paul Chater, KT., C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. H. E. of the funds. I have not been very long in the Pollock, K.C., The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Far East but I have been long enough to C.M.C. The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, The Hon. | learn that where funds are required to some great and good purpose the Chinese are no The Sub-Committee comprise the following wont to look to others. They are wont to help themselves, and to subscribe with a liberality Yuen Fat Hong: Chan Chun Chuen, Ko which I believe to be unrivalled by any other Shun Kum, Ng Hon Chi; Hop Hing Hong; I nation. Your presence here to-day; your wil-O Tau Nam, Wing Sui Ham, Lau Yam Chuen; I linguess to come forward and undertake this Kwong Mau Tai: Chiu U Tin, Chiu Chan | heavy task of collecting funds proves that you Sam: Ming Shun Hong: Sin Un Fai; Ng Un | consider this project to be a great and good one Hing Hong! Ng Li Hing; U Wo Lung Hong: | making for progress and enlightenment, and Tsang Wai Him; Hung Ki Hong: Chu Si U; enabling the Chinese to hold their own among King Wo Hong! Chan Lock Chuen; Kwong the educated and, civilized, nations of the On Wing Hong: Un Wan Kiu; Chip Wo world. Since you have that faith in you, I Hong: Lai Shun Hing; Man Choung Un have no fear but that you will succeed in your Hong: Un Lai Chuen; Kung Un Hong: Un task of raising the funds which is required. Ol U; Kwan Man Hong: Lau Sin Chank; Li Your generous compatriots in China, in the carcasses of rats dead from plague, and gorged Sau Hin: Sing Tak Ho: Mui Kal Nam; Ming | Straits, in Java, in Siam and elsewhere will, I Sun Ho: Tse Yam Chi; Yat On Ho: scel sure, help us liberally, for they too will back through the hole, and while in this state, Tam Hok Po; Po Lung Californian and Aus. | benefit by this University to which they can send | they were often lost or were set upon and killed trallan firm; Ku Fai Shan; On Wing Cali- their sons. 'Nothing that I can do to forward by adult rats.' fornian and Australian firm? Chan Chok Ping: I the scheme will be left undone, and I shall be Ming Ki Californian and Australian firm : Chan I glad at any time to receive any suggestions Sau Hin: Hip On Co., Chan Siu Ki; Tung | which your Sub-committee may wish to put Leung Pui Chi, Lau Wan forward, but it is to yourselves that I look

Before I sit down I will draw your attention On Steamship Co.; Chan Sin Fan; Po On Co.; I to one or two points in this scheme which

1. That this University will not be a rival or Wong Chung Wa Co.: Wong Pik Bhan; in any way antagonistic to Universities, or See Wo: Pun Yan Chuen; Wang Hing: other educational establishments in China. Kit Ping; Chiu Leung Tai; Au It will work cordially in co-operation with them Chak Man: Kwong Wing Sang: Lo Kwan | seeking to. afford an additional means of Ting: Yau Chaung: Chan King Wan; Chin | higher education in a place well adopted for Chang: Chan Chauk Hing; Tung. Ki: Tse the purpose by its situation, its Chinese Si Ping: Kwok Yiu Un; Shun Ki: Cheung | population, its work-shops and hospitals and

Yau Chuen: Chun Cheung Wing? Wong | 2. That our object is to educate men who Fa Nunk: Un Sing Co.; Lai Yun will be of practical use to China, as engineers, Sang: U Hing Tung. Co.; Chan Kai Ming, | docters, surveyors, electricians, &c. and also, Wong Fat Yan; Wo Ki Hong; Yong Siu Pu; hope, as officials, administrators and go-Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; Lau Pun Chiu; | vernors. For the latter, I hope, we may be able Chartered Bank; Yung Yik Ting; Inter- to establish an Arts degree, which shall national Bank: Ho Hok San, Siu Hu Yuen; I embrace instruction in Chinese literature and Holland Bank: Leung Kin On; Dutch Bank: | classics as well as in the History and Ethics

3" Finally we are unanimous that the gra-Osaka Shosen Kaisha: Tsang Sz Kai; Douglas I duates of Hongkong shall be men of the Co.: Chan Chik U: Jardine: Chan Kang U, Ho | highest moral character-patriotic and broad-Fook, otherwise HoChak Sang; Butterfield and | minded, and to this end we desire that during Swire: Ho Kom Tong, otherwise Ho Tai Sang, their College course they shall be under the best l'influences, in touch with the leading Chinese citizens of this Colony, and under the close supervision of able and high-minded tutors. Gentlemen, I wish you every success in the task you have undertaken, and I feel sure that

> 4. Finally I would impress upon you that our University will only issue degrees of the same value as degrees conferred by Universities in England. I do not desire to establish a University which will conferency inferior degree, which will not be recognised in England, nor can we obtain a Royal Charter for any les-

your efforts will bring this project to a success-

At the conclusion of the Governor's speech.

Tso as secretary. Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk seconded. Motion carried ununimously.

That was all the business.

THE COLONIAL CEMETERY.

BURNING OF JOSS STICKS.

The following letter was received above the signmure of Mr. T. Funatsu, the Japanese Consul in connection with the burning of joss. sticks in the Colonial Cemetery, during a Japanese burial;—

Japanese Consulate,

T. FUNATSU.

6th February, 1909. Dear Mr. Hutchison,-I have received your two letters this morning. Regarding the Japanese burial ceremony, it is the fact that we usually burn joss sticks according to Buddhists' custom.—Yours very sincerely,

Mr. R. O. Hutchison minuted (6.2.09): The burning of joss sticks is part of the ceremony. n Japanese borials. At the Colonial Cemetery, Japanese are buried in a part of the cemetery | STOWAWAYS AND FUMIGATION. which is more or less separate from the rest. do not see that the burning of joss-sticks durhowever, be necessary to shew that we already | ing the ceremony in that part of the Cemetery In sight before we ask for an extension of time. I commend that the Inspector be instructed that

ed of by the Legislative Council.

OPIUM SMUGGLING,

CHANDU IN A JUNK. It will be remembered that on the 1st instant Sergeaut Mussel and'a party of revenue officers.

asking him to inform the Chinese Govern. left there on Dec. oth and arrived here on the | - Sydney Evening News, ment of our project and to invite their support [ 14th of last month. Continuing he said he -he himself is a strong supporter of the was not present when the search was made. Mr. and Mrs. Newton J. Stabb left London scheme. I have written also to the Secretary The accused was convicted and fined \$40, and last month for New York on route to Japan. A of State, as I have already told you, and to the the opium is to be confiscated to the Farm, stay of about ten days will be made in New Government of India, and to the Governor of the ! Mr. G. S. Carver appeared on behalf of the | York, and Hongkong will be reached about

Campaign Against Rats.

USE OF FERRETS AS DESTROYERS. COMMUNICATION FROM CAPE TOWN, T

The following comprehensive paper covering: considerable space relative to the use of ferrets as agents for destroying rats was received from the Medical Officer of Health for the Colony of Cape Town and laid on the table at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board last Monday afternoon !-

> Department of Public Health, 55. Parliament Street, Cape Town,

23rd December, 1908. Sir.-I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. S.B.C. 2916/A. 08 of the 17th-ultimo, in which-you ask for informion concerning the use of ferrets in Cape Colony during epizootics of plague amongst rodents, and in reply am pleased to be able to arnish you with the following particulars:

Soon after plague first broke out in Cape Town in 1901, this Government imported 250 ferrets from England: these ferrets were selected with the greatest care and were all supposed: to have had and got over distemper. They proved absolutely uncless.

The whole area was swarming with rodents, and the ramifications of the rat holes were extraordinary, and it was quite la common experience to put a ferret down a rat hole in one house and to have it appear in another some distance away... The ferrets frequently came across nests of young rats or the

Apart from the above, however, the ferrets

themselves proved to be exceedingly susceptible to plague, and a very large percentage of the animals employed died of plague soon after they, were used. The exact percentage I am airaid I am unable to definitely state, as no exact records exist, for at that time the Department was working at very high pressure owing to the necessity for safe-guarding the military stores, the loss of which might have seriously hampered operations in the War. I believe, however, fully 50 or 60 per cent actually were proved to have died from plague. A very large number died also from what was at the time believed to be dysentery, but which was probably also plague. At any rate, within a few weeks, the whole 250 had died, with the exception, I believe, of two, which were handed over to the

Town Council, In subsequent operations, we never used ferrets again, but I believe that elsewhere-notably in India-the Plague Officers have had the same experience.

In dealing with the different outbreaks of plague which have from time to time occurred in this Colony, almost every possible method for exterminating rats has been tried, and a large number of experiments upon rats living under natural conditions have been conducted by the Officers of the Department. The effect of carbon dioxide gus was tried without result; also the pouring of carbon bisulphide into rat holes, but as some premises were nearly blown up in the course of using the latter, it was abandoned without further trial. A long and costly series of experiments was carried out with the Danyzs virus, and a bacteriologist was brought out from England for the purpose, but no results were achieved worth anything. During the course of the latter experiments we had a number of rats isolated in a cellar and counted from day to day; these were fed with bread soaked in freshly prepared cultures, and although a few rodents at the first meal died, the preater number which survived appeared to flourish on the diet subsequently,

We have also tried the much-advertised ! a meeting of the sub-committee was held. I "Ratin", this is useless—in this climate, at After some brief remarks. Mr. 110 Fook pro- lany rate. Almost every variety of trap posed the appointment of Hon. Dr. Ho Kai as | and , poison invented has also been tried president of the sub-committee with Mr. S. W. and given up. At the present time, when an outbreak of plague occurs, we depend to a very large extent on bird lime for catching rodents. I do not know whether your Department has ever given this a trial, but if not, the following notes regarding its use may be of in-

The bird-lime should be spread about a quarter of an inch thick on pieces of board, which should be placed on beams and in front of rat holes and other places frequented by rodents. It may also be used by baiting, boards prepared in the same manner. Bird lime is also useful in the course of disinfecting operations in isolating stacks of infected goods. where isolating screens cannot be inserted to prevent infected rodents migrating to the fafter a pause: "But he is in the country." disinfected portions of a store... The ordinary bird lime appears to be of very little use, but this man Lee Kee here?—Yes. the best Japanese bird lime gives excellent results, and in plague epidemics, this Government purchases very large quantities of it."

If there is any further information on the subject which you may require, I shall be pleased to furnish the same.—I have, etc.,

A. JOHN GREGORY.

The resources of science are being looked into in order to find something that will have a very substantial part of it in hand and can be reasonably objected to, and would re- be decidedly unpleasant for stowaways, withlout at the same time doing them any In the meantime I have asked the Secretary of | it is not necessary to take action to stop joss | injury. Dr. Ashburton Thompson has suggested two substances; the prohibited immigrants, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper;—I cannot agree he thinks, might be kept off by a liberal use to the purpose; and I await his reply, and have I with the proposal. The bye-laws against same I of red pepper or a two per cent, solution of no reason to think that it will be other than were fully discussed by the Board and approv- formalin, but it does not appear that any experiments have been made. Red-pepper is not exactly the sort of thing that the Caucasian likes, but it does not follow that the Chinaman could not stand it. As a matter of fact the Celestial can stand an extraordinary amount of bad and unpleasant smells. He can even thrive among microbe-laden filth that would speedily kill off the European, but we do not know if red pepper has been included in his repertoire. Probably formalin is a thing that he has omitted lands. It will be for you to elect your harbour limits near the Raffles Reclamation. to get used to, as it has only been discovered own Chairman, and to organise yourselves and, after a thorough investigation, seized three in recent times, but the odds are that he would la such a way as you may think fit tins of chandu. One of the tins, says the Singa. stand a good deal of it before he surrendered. with the object of dividing the work into pore Free Press of 5th inst, was found concealed. The danger is in using anything that may kill special departments and appealing to differ. In one of the folds of the sail, and the rest in the the stowaway, "if a man died of an overdose ent communities. You are at liberty to alt and fore holds. The chandu weighed of red pepper, or committed suicide as a result add to your numbers any other Chinese gen- I thirty-four tabils and the raw opium fifty tabils. of the torture it would inflict upon him, the tlemen you desire, first submitting their names It was found that the value of the products | rest of the world would get the idea that the tome through the Secretary of the Committee for amounted to \$177. A Hylam named Sim Chin Australian is a callous brute who suffocates my information and final approval. I propose I Gook was prosecuted on Wednesday before I stowaways. The Chinese are prone to suicide, that when the University is built, we shall place [ Mr, de Mello, fourth magistrate, as being the | and it would not look well if our too drastic in the Main Entrance Hall a board upon which | master of the junk which had been used for | methods caused some to kill themselves on our will be inscribed the names of those gentlemen | smuggling, chandu. A question was raised | doorstep, so to speak; 'Cannot science tell us who have given the most liberal donations to the and the defendant was found not to be the how to dyo the stowaway a permanent brilliant Endowment Fund-sums above a certain limit | master, or the taikong, but the chinchew. The | blue or green, or some other colour, without otherwise torturing or injuring him ! Then, if in future years are students in the University | Yesterday morning before the same magis | mauve of scarlet Chinamen came round with may learn with gratitude the names of the trate a similar charge was brought against the the vegetables or were seen ironing linen, it benefactors to whom they owe the opportunities I taiking named Bok Chow Joon. The defend. | would be easy to detect them. That would be they enjoy of acquiring a liberal education in ant admitted being the talkong of the junk a scientific triumph, and besides would be a and knowing that the chandu was discovered | morciful and picturesque way of meeting the For my own part I have not been idle. I on the vessel. It was brought from Hainam difficulty. But red popper seems rather crude. have written to the British Minister in Peking for the Consumption of the crew. The vessel and, if applied in quantity, somewhat labuman,

the middle of March.

HUNGKONG ICE CO. LD.

ANNUAL REPORT. The twenty-eighth annual report is as fol-

The general managers have pleasure in submitting a statement of the company's accounts for the year 1958,

Including \$4,578.41 brought forward from the previous year, and after deducting \$20.000 paid as an interim dividend of \$4 per share, the balance at credit of profit and loss, account is 5116,475,03 which it is recommended should be appropriated as follows:---

A final dividend of \$15 per share \$75,000.00 Provision for contingencies ..... 30,000.00 To write off property s/c ....... 2,000.00 To write off launch & lighter a/c. 1,858.90 

\$116,475.03

Hongkong, 9th February, 1909. DALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER, 1908.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,

General Managers.

Capital, 5,000 shares of \$25 each ...\$125,000,00 mmonia reserve account ..... Provision for contingencies.......... 120,000.00 Profit and loss account ...... 116,475.03 Land, buildings, plant and machinery as perlast account ......\$150,000,00

Less written off per last. report, ...... 23,000,00 Hongkong - Fire Insurance Co. share, as per last account,...... China Fire Insurance Co. share, as per last account, ..... Canton Insurance Office share, as per last account, ..... Launch, as per last 

Since paid, final instalment, ..... Buoyand moorings, &C., proming 120,60 11,858.90 Lighter ...... Hongkong & Shanghai Bank on cur-Hongkong & Shanghai Bank on de-, posit...... 

Loan (secured by mortgage at Yokohama Yen 23,250) ....... Hongkong Club debentures, at par ... Outstanding accounts ..... Accounts receivable ..... Ice in stock...... Coal in stock ..... Fire insurance, anexpired premium

Marine insurance, unexpired premia

\$375,03x.43 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. . . For the Year ended 31st December, 1908 To General managers' commission, ...., \$2,000.00 ... Auditor's fee, ...... 130.00 Interim dividend of 16% paid on 22nd Aug., 1908, ...... 20,000,00

Balance, ..... 116,475.03 \$138,625.03 By Balance' brought forward from Ice sales and cold storage charges, less working expenses 122/346.32 y Rents received (less Crown) rent

and taxes paid) ...... 1,043.74 By Interest and dividends ......... By Transfer fees

A OUBSTION OF NAMES.

THE DOINGS OF TWO MEN BEARING THE SAME NAME, During the hearing of a case in the Supreme

Court, last Monday, the defendant was asked whether he was acquainted with a man named "Lee Kee." "Yes, I know Lee Kee," was the reply. And

 Mr. Justice Gomportz (to Mr. Goldring)—It Lee Kee, who is about seventy years of age, was brought before the defendant; who denied that he was the Lee Kee-referred to. . . . .

Mr. Goldring-Do you know this man? Defendant-Yes. His name is Lee Kee, · I thought you said that Lee Kee was in the country?-And so he is.

How is that ?—The Lee Kee in the country is a native of Nam Tao. Isn't that strange? . Where does this man come from?-I don't know; but I know he resides at Sham-shul-po.

You said you knew both Les Kees?-Yes. What firm did the one in the country belong to ?-The Kwang Wing Blug." And the one in Count?-The Kwong Wing

isn't that funny?—I don't know. . Now, isn't it a fact that the Lee Kee in the country stole this Lee Kee's firm's name to cut him ont?-I can't say. And the defendant was asked to stand down.

CAPT. CLEMENTI SMITH MARRIED.

At Holy Trinity, Blandworth, Hants, on January 141 Cantain Bubert Clementi Smith. R.E., son of the Right Hon, Sir Clementi Smith, of The Grange, Welwyn, Herts, was marriedto Miss Kathleen Margaret Clarke-Jervoise, daughter of Sir Harry Clarke-Jervoise, Idsworth Park, Horodean, Hants, and Chilwood Beacon, Sussex. Captain Henderson, a brother officer

of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride were a gown of soft ivery satin. embroidered in silk, and made with voke and collar of fine Edglish point lace and a net veil bordered with Brussels lace, falling over a wreath of myrtic and lilies of the valley. She carried a sheath of Madenna lilies, and wore a diamond and pearl necklace, given by Sir. Harry Clarke-Jervoise. There were five bridesmaids, wearing white Oriental satin dresses, embroidered with silver, and tolle veils over wreaths of myrtle leaves. The bridegroom gave the bridesmaids bouquets of lilies of the valley and red carnations, and pendants formed of green enamel and pink chalcedony,

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 14th February, 1000:-Library, Museum.

Non-Chinese..... 380

REPAIRING A DAMAGED SHIP. CLAIM FOR ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Additional evidence was taken by Mr. Justice Gomports in the Summary Jurisdiction Court, last Monday, in connection with the action brought by the Yee Fat Company, of 60, Des Vœux Road West, who sued a contractor named Keang Fat, I, Reclamation Street, Yauma-ti, to recover the sum of \$582, being for goods removed by the defendant and alleged to have been wrongfully detained, and for damages. In this matter it was stated that the plaintiffs as owners of the steamer Acolus entered into a contract, with the defendant in respect of cortain wood work for the vessel. At the time the agreement was signed the Acolus was lying off Tai-kok-tsui. On the day defendant started the work there was a strong wind blowing and the ship had a considerable list. The defendant confessed that he could not work under such conditions and told plaintiffs that he would remove all the ship's wood-work and take it ashore, where the work would be done. .. The wood work was removed; plaintiffs advanced defendant the sum of \$150; but the work was never completed, and defendant still held the wood he removed from the ship.

'At this marning's hearing Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Measrs, Goldring, Barlow Morrell) for the plaintiffs, called Mr. J. T. Douglas, marine surveyor, who observed that when he examined the vessel hardly any work had been done-not ten per cent. even. The work shown in the specification was carpenters work. When he visited the vessel her hold was full of water. In order to proceed with the work deck beams would have to be removed, which would take about a week. But har after hold could not have been pumped out owing to the number of holes in S127,000,00 the bottom of the ship. Using reasonable expedition the defendants, in witness's opinion. 215.00 had only done a week's work, Subject to the deck beams and the ship's bottom being re-85.00 paired the carpentering work would have been completed in about six weeks.

The Court (to Mr. Goldring)-You are suing for the return of this wood?—Yes, my Lord, and in the alternative damages,

(To Mr. Thomson)—You have no counterclaim?—No, my Lord. What we say is that we have a lien on the wood. If they pay us for the work we have done they can have the

(To the witness) → Everything on board was very old?—Yes.... How long was she on the rocks?-About

By Mr. Goldring—Witness saw the specification attached to the contract. It was possible for the defendant to have had the work done or shore and fitted the ship in six weeks. Witness thought \$200 was too much to pay for the work he had inspected, and what little he saw was merely patch-work.

Cross-examined by Mr. O. D. Thomson-When he said that \$200 was too much he meant the work done and did not include the strip-128.64 | ping of the ship. It would cost \$5,000 to com-176.07 plete the work. The ship even up to now is not ready for work to begin.

Mr. Thomson submitted that before the plaintiffs cancelled the contract they should have given the defendant a chance to finish the work. There was no stipulated time stated in the contract for the defendant to complete the work, but he was to do it in a "reasonable"

Two more witnesses were called, and judgment was entered for the plaintiffs for \$150 and costs.

APPLICATION FOR EXHUMATION, QUESTION OF RE-INTERMENTS:

The following application, dated 18th January, for an exhumation permit and reburial pressor sailed for Canton, taking the two woin the Colonial Cemetery, was considered at the meeting of the Sanitary Board last Monday afternoon:-

Sir,—I have the honour to apply for the purchase of a site for four new graves in the Colonial Cemetery forburying the bones of my deceased father Chun Tsi Kwong, late of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, my deceased mother Chang Shi, my deceased brother Chun Siu Ying, and my deceased adopted mother Cheung Shi.

It is also necessary that an exhumation order be granted to me for the removal of my father's remains (grave No. 4593, the ownership of which I will give up) in the Colonial Cometery to the new site in the same Cemetery, as It is my intention to bury them all in the same place, so that a better grave may be put up, as the present site of my father's grave being too narrow, will not allow of any improvement being made. Hoping you will kindly favour me with the, follows:-

necessary permission,—I have, etc., CHAN YUI TONG.

The Secretary,

cemeteries.

Sanitary Board. Mr. A. Shelton Hooper minuted:-This mather had better stand over until we know from the Law Officer who has the power to grant permits for exhumation. At any rate, I And this man here?—He is a Lee Kee also. I am strongly against allowing our Cemetry to beused for re-interments of bodies from Chinese

> Mr. Lau Chu Pak!-Can bodies from cemeteries other than Chinese be re-interred in this Cemetery?

AN EX-LUKONG'S ANTICS.

GIVEN SIX MONTHS AT THE SCENE OF HIS FORMER ACTIVITIES.

. 13th inst. A policeman is as much inclined towards the gentle art of mischief-making as any other imaginations run loose, all is chaos and nothing can debar him from doing exactly what he is paid to prevent being done-an indis- Vice-Consul as President of the Court and the crimingto disregard of the law. From the captains of the Zanoni and Graigvar, story which was related in the Police Court this morning of how an exclusiong came to grief unexpectedly it would appear that this somewhat rash statement has at least a grain of truth in it. However, this is by the way. Coming to the chief part of the story, the gist of the sorrowful tale-for sorrowful undoubtedly it is—is this. An ex-lukong, who was ponies imported into the Colony, and who was dismissed from the Police Force in December | expected to distinguish himself at the race last on account of misconduct, last night met a meeting-which, by the way; begins to-morrow peaceful citizen in the person of a Chinaman, at half-past eleven a.m.—was shot yesterday Whether it was a sense of disgrace which still I morning. It would appear that Sirdar, who rankled in his mind or whether it was with a was owned by Lieut, Leeson, of the R. G. A., view of replepishing his empty purse is not and ridden by Mr. Vida, was being put to a known, but the quondam limb of the law certain distance in the final gallops. Arriving decided to pass as a detective. Putting on at a certain point the pony stumbled and fell, a lordly air, he approached the . China- pitching his rider over his head. Mr. Vida man and demanded to know what he was, fortunately, not injured. Of course, he had on his person." Before he know where received a shock; but on examination Sirdar; he was or what had happened, a couple of was found to have broken a leg. The only pawn-tickets were violently pulled out by the I thing that remained was to put the animal out imaginary detective and 43 cents in money of pain, and this was done. Those who were extracted. Fearing that things were going to hat the course regretted the accident, and

be made decidedly unpleasant for him, the sympathy went to the owner of the pony whose alleged detective was about to beat a hasty chances in the races were considered good. retreat but in the accomplishment of this

CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT.

A SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

The Concert given by the Choir of St. John's Cathedral under the direction of Mr. Denman Fuller, Cathedral Organist, in aid of the Organ Fund, took place at the City Hall last Friday night, and proved a success both in point of numerical attendance and the excellence of the programme supplied. As is doubiless known £1,000 is required to effect a complete overhaul of the Cathodral Organ, and a word of thanks is due to the numerous patrons who helped to augment the fund towards the materialisation of this object.

. The first part of the programms, which was entirely devoted to religious numbers, opened: with "Send out Thy Light," to which beautiful composition those taking part did full justice. This was followed by "All through the Night" given by Mrs. G. H. Edwards, assisted by Miss Nicholson, Mrs. Goldsmith, Massrs, F. A. Bideo, G. H. Edwards and C. H. Orispin. The soft notes characteristic of this piece as interpreted by the able soloist were thoroughly appreciated by the audience. The auditors were then treated to a piano solo-(-Cheme and Variations) by Miss Brotherton Harker, who was given a hearty reception on the occasion of her debut as a planistre. The last item but one was a Carol (In dulci Jubilo) given by a dozen voices. The first part of the programme concluded with the Hymn "O Gladsome Light."

The second part of the programme, which consisted of secular numbers, opened with a vocal polka (Merry June) the soloists being Miss Seth and Mrs. Dealy. A. Serenade, given by Mr. E. B. Ayris, supported by four male voices, was well received. Then followed a plane solo (Ballade) with Mr. Denman Fuller at the pinno, which brought down the house, the clamouring audience not being satisfied till the able performer re-appeared and was obliged to respond with another piece in view of the popular demands for an encore; A quartet entitled " Sweet and Low "" was the next item, given by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Edwards, Mrs. Broughall and Mr. W. A. Rundell, which was greatly appreciated. "Little Blue Moon," by Mrs. E. Barrett, was one of the most appreciated numbers. This lady's powerful voice, combined with the expression of tone infused into the song, was charming, her listeners, showing their appreciation by hearty rounds of well-deserved applause. The last item was the old English composition "There was an old woman who lived in a shoe," reminiscent of nursery days, which was screamingly funny. The striking up of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close, all those present voting the evening a success. N

A KIDNAPPBR PUNISHBD. YOUNG WOMEN STOLEN AND SOLE.

As is doubtless well known, kidnapping is one of the commonest crimes in the Colony, but a very daring lostance of this particular form of offence culminated in the exemplary punishment of the offender-an old woman, The story has several sad features, one of them being the incidental death of one of the unfortunate victims. It appears that sometime in December last, while the rain was pouring in bucketfuls, two young women obtained shelter in a doorway near Shau-ki-wan. They had not been there long when an old woman appeared on the scene and in a very amiable. sort of a way, asked them to come and have. ten with her in the latter's house. The unsuspecting creatures believed there was nothing wrong in this, and promptly accepted the invitation. A very short while afterwards, they discovered their mistake by finding themselves locked up without communications of any sort whatever. On the 26th January, their opmen with her. They were taken to some flowers-boats there and sold to the women of the under-world. It subsequently transpired that one of them was burnt to death in the disastrous fire-at-Tai-sha-tau on the goth lanuary, while the other, happily for her, was rescued by a number of missionaries and sent over to Hongkong. Last Friday the woman was arraigned on a charge of kidnapping, when the exemplary punishment of twelve months imprisonment was meted out.

WRECK OF THE "ADATO." FINDING OF THE COURT.

The finding of the British Naval Court at Yokohama held to inquire into the stranding and subsequent loss of the Adato was published on the 3rd instant. The Court, having regard to the circumstances of the case, find as

That the wreck of the Adalo was due to the vessel having been set out of her course towards the south-east by a strong current, of the existence of which the master had no knowledge, and to the darkness and obscurity which left him in ignorance of his proximity to Vries Island.

That, though this Court is of opinion that the work of communicating the reports of the look-out to the bridge was inefficiently performed at and before the time of the wreck, it is also of opinion that an improvement in this respect would not have averted the disaster, as they regard as inaccurate the look-out's viewthat five minutes clapsed between his seeing and the vessel striking.

That the Court regrets that the master did not find it possible to secure other of the vessel's papers than those produced.

"That in view of the situation and condition of the vessel and the state of the weather, the Court concurs in the opinion of the master I that the ship was a complete wreck from the human being, so much so, in fact, that once his I moment of striking and that he was justified in abandoning her and standing by on shore. " The finding is signed by the Acting British

RACE, PONY SHOT.

SAD ACCIDENT ON THE RACE-COURSE.

Sirdar, one of the most promising race

extremely desirable action so far, as he was THE puisance caused by squeaking wheelconcerned he was effectually baffled. This barrows at Kowloon seems to be attracting the morning, the interested parties appeared in attention of the police. Last Sunday, seven Court, and by, way of showing no had feeling, wheelbarrow men were arrested for this offence. aix months free quarters was given the erring and at the Police Court, on Monday, paid a dollar each for the moles they created.

#### THE RACES.

STEWARDS: His Excellency Sir F. J. D. Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral the Hop. Sir H. Lambton, K.C.D., K.C.V.O., A.D.C.; His Excellency Maj.-Genl. R. G. Broadwood, C.B.; Commodore H. Lyon, R.N.: The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.C.; The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.: The Hon. Mr. W. J. Greison; Messrs, F. B. Deacon, G. Friesland, J. A. Jupp, J. C. Peter, C. H. Ross and H. P. White. STEWARDS IN CHARGE OF THE SCALE:-

Mesars, F. B. Deacon and G. Friesland. HANDICAPPER;—Maj.-Gen. Broadwood and Mr. J. A. Jupp.

JUDGE:-The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., Assistant Judge: -Mr. C. H. Ross. STARTER:-The Hoo, Mr. F. H. May, C.M.C. SECOND STARTER: -Mr. H. J. Godge.

TIME KEEPER :- Mr. T. S. Forrest. HON. TREASURER: -- Mr. J. F. Cox-Edwards. CLERK OF THE COURSE:-Mr. T. F. Hough.

The annual race meeting held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club was bagun at the Race Course in the foreneon today. A dense fog hung over the Valley until shortly before the saddling bell, but before the starters for the first race entered the field the veil of mist had lifted and a bright warm sun shone over the green carpet, giving the scene around all the beauty and colour of a summer's day. The private stands both within and without the enclosure wore their usual gay aspect. From the stand of the sister Services near the entrance to the list owner's stand at the far Mr. Buxey's Little Gem Rose, tost 12lbs ... castern end of the paddock there was displayed a profusion of bunting and evergreen usually Mr. John Peel's Garth, 11st 4lb (Gresson) associated with the embellishments of the Mr. G. Q. Henriques' Grey Back 10st 81b1 buildings within the Valley during our great race carnival. The Grand Stand, since the last | Mr. Olympia's Achilles, 11st 4lb...(Schoors) meeting, has been altered out of recognition. Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Desiré, 11st The structural improvements carried out by the firm of architects, Messrs, Leigh & Orange, under the personal supervision of Mr. A. Bryer, haveafforded increased accommodation for the thousands of visitors who watched the races from the Stand to-day. Alterations include the doing Long rows of seats gave plenty of room for the ladies who availed themselves of the stand during short respites from promenading on the

greater numbers after tiffin, and during the afternoon the crowd was large and picturesque. Within the ring on the green (housands of hatives watched the day's sport with keen interest. The private stands and the booths had their full complement of patrons. The Club Lusitano l had its booth exclusively for its members.

The Band of the Buffs discoursed pleasing music throughout the day, which went a long way to add enthusiasm to the large number of citizens who had gathered at Happy Valley to enjoy a day's entertainment under ideal circumstances both asto the almospheric condition and the splendid racing provided by the numerous stables.

The Police, under Chief Inspector Baker, as usual, maintained excellent order, and the Tramway Company is to be congratulated upon | Mr. Buxey's York Rose, tost 12lb... (Mackie)the service of cars maintained throughout the Messrs. Findlay and Moir's Seafoam, tost

Mr. G. W. Gegg was the first jockey to be weighed out." There were sixteen ponies entered for the opening race of the day. It was a poor race after a wretched start; a protest entered against the starting was not sustained, and the race went to Backstay who, with High. land Laddle, bad the benefit of a lead from the bunch on the fall of the flag.

The Governor arrived before the commencement of the second race. With His Excellency was Miss Henniker, attended by Capts. Taylor and Simson, A.D.C.'s to the Governor.

The Maiden Stakes was an easy win for Mr. Buxey's Little Gem Rose, Mr. Burkill | the position on 'the 'rails and Double Zero.on riding. The jockey received an ovation after the outer course. To a capital statt the field his win. Mr. Mody again carried off another | was let go. . On passing the spectators' stand race in the Victoria Stakes with Jubilee Rose who, with his stable companion, gave a good I from Seafoam and Jubilee Rose, the favourite. race for Seafoum, who finished third after a At the back stretch the second and third splendid contest for honours. Out of three ponies changed positions. When the Football races so far Buxey's stable secured two. Our "Reader" tipped two wins out of the first three Land drew level with Pubber Tree. Heraldic was races of the day. Mr. Buxey was successful fourth and Seafoam fifth. There was a splenfor the third time in the day, and won another | did race up the hill and Heraldic spurting made exciting race with a close finish with Little up lost ground. The Roses seemingly fell Dot Rose ridden by Burkill. After this race away and so did Seafoam; but when the villthere was an adjournment for tiffin.

after luncheon. Glorious Rose had the easiest | made the pacing hot. The stable companions of wins in this race. Starting with a considerable lead; he was never threatened. Burkill won hands down, making the fourth consecutive win for Mr. Buxey out of five races.

Inclusive of the sixth race of the day there were no surprises and when Missouri brought | separating him from Seafoam, the third pony. the "crimson, violet cap" home a winner in the Trial Plate, the victory went to the hottest favourite. Missouri is a fancied candidate for the blue ribbon to-marrow; his last quarter to day did not seem to have raised him in the | \$109.35. estimation of his patrons against the Little Gem Rose, a previous winner in the day. Barry won the Garrison Cup without any difficulty. The race for the Professional Cup was a very exciting one between Rêve d'Or Rose and Volga, the latter managing to wrest the honours from the Rose by only a neck. Strathdallas showed up poorly at this race, finishing fourth, thus giving poor promise to carry off the Derby to morerw. It looks as if the race will go to Little Gem Rose. The tamest race, of the day was the Hongkong Club Cup when Spring Rose and Coxcomb were the only two ponies that faced the starters. The win was a foregone conclusion for Spring Rose! The biggest field of the day-nineteen ponies -started for the last race, the Racing Stakes. and was won by. Swan after a capital race,

Mr. Toug led the pony home after the raca. FIRST DAY.

1.-THE' WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES .- Value | Mr. Smith's Greystone, 11st 11b (Morris) ... Szoo. Second to receive \$100; and third \$50. Messrs, Findlay & Moir's Strathmill, 11st 1lb For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1908-1909. Weight for inches as Mr. Wheeley's Pip, 11st 4lb (Mackie). ...... o per scale. Jockeys who have never had a Mr. J. S. Sill's Gambler, 11st 11b (Hickman) o winning mount in either Hongkong, Shang- Mr. Seth's Macscrew, 10st 12lb (Seth) ...... 0 hal or Tientsin allowed 5th. Entrance \$10. | Capt. S. Barker's Shaun Abon Hat Ilb ..... Half a mile,

Mr. Moregold's Backstny, 11st 2lb1...(Vida) Mr. D. Macdonald's Highland Laddie, 10st 121b \_....(Burkill) Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Gunduck,

tist Alb (Hayes) Messrs. R.: R. Hynd and A. C. Hynes'. Bagib Dua, 11st 1lby......(Gegg) Mr. Seth's Little Nemo, rost 12h ... (H. Seth) o Admiral Lambton's Floratio, sost 410...... comments (G. U. Mackie) o

Mr. Olympia's Hippomedon, rost 12lb ..... Mr. E. B. Chichester's Jack Straw, rost 13lb (Chichester) Mr. Ottery's Tor, 10st 12b ......(Jones) Mr. Smith's Sandstone, tost tolb fi.. (Morris)

Mr. J. H. Lewis Bystacder, 11st 11b. .......

Mr. Wheeley's Pip, lost 131b ..... (Hansen) Mr. Magpie's Sturdy, 11st ilb ..... (Dupres) 0 St 10.70. Mr. Elbes's Regrety tost 131b f ... (Hickman) Mr. Christiani's Droschkengaul, tost tolbf.... (Petterson)

Mr. H. Humphreys' Mummery, tost 7lb fail \* alb overweight. + slb allowance. tilb overweight.

The large field of sixteen ponies, started for

the first race. As in last year, Mr. Gegg was the first jockey to face the clerk of the scales. After a false start, the field was got away with three penies at the starting post. - From a very | bad start, Highland Laddie led the field for several lengths with Backstay following and the fancied Gunduck third. The rest were all in a bunch with the exception of the three left at the post. At the village bend Highland Laddie maintained the lead which he had soon to surrender to Backstay who led all the way home and won easily from Highland Laddle who was second with Gunduck a good third. A protest was entered after the race against the start; but the officials ruled the result race ; the protest was not uphold.

Time: 1.00 1/5... Winner: \$18.30. Cash Sweeps: 1st \$340.20; 2nd \$97.20; 3rd

Parj-mutuel: 1st;\$6.70; 2nd \$7.00; 3rd \$6.40. 2.—THE MAIDEN STAKES-Value \$502. cond to receive Sigo; and third \$75. China ponies, bond fide griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season 1908 1909 allowed 7D. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a mile.

41b .....(Hayes) Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Waziri Chief, 11st 4lb

\*/ Ilb allowance.

. Mr. Baxey's Derby pony started the favourite for the race and justified anticipations. After away with the old flight of stops and in place of the fall of the flag when the sextette showed it several long tiers of coment-rendered steps out of the bush Grey Back was in the front give the front of the Stand the appearance of a | pursued by Little Gem , Rose, and several gallery on which the spectators obtained an lengths behind him followed Gresson's mount, excellent view at every stage of the racing. Achilles brought up the rear. There was no Under the roof, over which the familiar colours | change in the positions for the first furlong of of the Jockey Club floated to the breeze, in- | the race. As soon as the field came down the creased accommodation was also provided. | bill Buckill called upon the Little Gem, and in less than no time the black pony shot up to the front. He held the premier position unchallenged and cantered home an easy winner by several lengths. The race for second place The ladies, with their pretty dresses, came in I was a capital one, Garth securing it by a length from Grey Back who finished third. Waziri Chief finished last in the race. .

> Time: 1.31 2/5 Winner: \$5.70. Cash Sweeps: 1st \$558.50; 2nd \$171.00; 3rd Pari-mutuel: 1st \$5.50; 2nd \$11.50; 3rd

1.-THE VICTORIA STAKES. - Value \$500. Second to receive \$150; and third \$75. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Bond flde griffins on date of entry allowed 5 lb. Subscription griffins of this season 1908 1909 allowed to ib. Entrance

Sto. One mile. Mr. Buxey's Jubilee Rose, rost 12lb .......

12lb,....(Vida) Major Eaton's Game Chick, lost 12lb....... (Scarlett)

Mr. Darius Rubber Tree; 11st 31b "... (Gegg) Messrs, Toeg and Speelman's Double Zero, 105t 12lb .....(Hayes) Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Pei-ho, Iosi (Lalb.....(Hickman) Mr. Dryasdust's Earthquake, jost 9lb ........

(Dupree) Mr. John Peel's Heraldic, tost 121b.....

(Laurence) \* 2lb overweight, . There was one false start. Game Chick had for the first round Game Chick was leading Stand was reached Earthquake forged ahead age bend was negotiated. Burkill put on the Foothow Cup was the race immediately sputt and racing gamely Jubilee Rose led and had a splendid race in the home stretch: Seafoam was closed in in the bunch and made a bold bid to capture the leadership from the twins who could not be beaten. Jubilee won by a neck from York Rose, with barely a length Game Chick was a long way behind last.

Time: 2 06.

Winner: \$7 50. Cash Sweeps: 1st \$755.45; 2nd \$218.70; 3rd

Pari-mutuel: 1st \$6.20; 2nd \$20.50; 3rd \$8.20. A .- THE VALLEY STAKES .- A sweep stakes of Sto each with \$400 added. Winner to receive 70 per cent.; second 20 per cent. and third to per cent. For Chipa popies subscription griffins of this season 1908-1909. Weight for inches as per scale. Three quar-

ters of a mile. Mr. Buxay's Little Dot Rose, 11st 9lb ...... Mr. Dryandust's Barry 1cst talb ... (Dupree) Mr. H. Humphreys' Sir Joseph, 11st 1lb ... Mr. John Peel's Dunkerry 11st 4lb (Gresson)

Mr. Ottery's Torridge 10st 12ib .....(Jones) Mr. Douglas' Bluejacket II. 10st 13lb ....... Mr. H. Gibbon Moore's Lyemun 11st 11b Mr. J. Armstrong's Kirton 11st 4lb...(Gegg)

Mr. Olympia's Heracles 11st 4lb (Schnorr)

(Heathcote) o

\* 11b overweight. . The start was behind the Craigengower bush. . Macscrow (Mr. Seth up) led by several lengths when the field emerged from the green screen. Following him were Barry, Strathmill and Dunkerry; the rest were all in a bunch. Seth raced down for all Macscrew was worth : the pace was a fast one, but Barry was equal to it. Turning round the village into the straight Macscrew rapidly lost his lead to Barry who kept first for the next furlong, and was forced to surrender his leadership to Little Dot Rose, who displaced Barry in the home straight, Mr. Buxey's Reve d' Or Rose, fost olb ........ Buzkill rode splendidly and won an exciting race by just a neck. Bir Joseph was a good third.

"Time: 1/34 3/5. Winners 513 40

Oash Sweeps: 1st \$837.90; 2nd \$239.40; 3rd Pari-mutuel: zst. 56.60; 2nd 16.40; 3rd

.-THE FOOCHOW CUP.-Value \$100. Second to receive \$150 and third \$75. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies who have run at any previous meating and not won a race and Griffins ellowed 5 lbs. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1908-1909 allowed to lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in either Hongkong. Shanghai or Tientsin allowed reli Entrance \$10. Two miles.

Mr. Buxey's Glorious Rose, rest rib (Burkill) Mossis, Findlay & Moir's Giesler, tost olb Mesers, Toeg & Speelman's Sutley, 11st 41b.

Mr. John Peel's Vine, 10st 12lb (Gresson) This race was a certainty for Glorious Rose none of his opponents showing anything like the form of the unbeaten winner of the Champions two years ago. Before the flag dropped the positions were-Vine on the rails, Glorious Rose on his left with Gierler next and Sutlei on the nullah side of the course. Glorious Rose assumed the lead as soon as the flag dropped. Giesler' was not far behind. Vine and Sutlej kept company at the rear. The first round past the Stand saw Rose in the first place; several lengths separated the trio who were in the following order:-Giesler, Vine and Suilef. The procession was unchanged when passing the Football Stand. .. At the Black Rock. Glorious Rose still maintained his lead by a wide distance from Vine, the second pony, who was in company with Giesler. Sutlej was fourth. The second round past the Stand saw Rose still in the premier position, unchallenged by Giesler, second, Vine third, and Sutlej fourth. Vine fell away completely at the Football Stand, and was hopelessly out of the race at the bottom of the hill. Glorious Rose ran home as he liked and won an easy race from Giesler who, though trying bard. was nowhere near the winner whom he failed to displace. Sutlej was a poor third past the

Time: 4.23 1/5 Winner: JII.50. Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,367.10; 2nd \$390.60; 3rd \$195.30

winning post."

Pari-mutuel: 1st \$6,50; 2nd \$9,20. 6 .- THE TRIAL PLATE .- Value \$500. Second to receive Stropand Third \$75. For China Ponies, bond fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Giffins of this Season 1908-1909 allowed lb. Winner of the Maiden Stakes 7 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had winning mount in either Hongkong, Shanghat or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10.

Messrs, Toeg and Speciman's Missourl 11st Alb .....(Hayes) 1 Mr. Buxey's Snowflake Rose, 11st 11b ...... (Buckill) 2

From the Two Mile Post Once Round and

Mr. John Peel's Cattistock, rist ilb ....... (Gresson) Mr. Brutton's Compton, lost tolb\*(Pettersen) Mr. Olympia's Apollo, tost olb ... (Schnorr) o Mr. U. J. Gedge's Fugitive II., 11st 3lb + ...

> \* 51b allowance. 1 21b overweight.

The start was an excellent one. Compton proved restive and raced outside the course. When the gate was reached he seemed to make for the puddock, but with rein and whip Pettersen managed to steet him straight on. His chances in the race were, however, altogether lost. The blue and silver showed to the front when the Stand was passed; close on his, heels, were Fugitive II, and Missouri. At the next lap in the race the second and third ponies made a change of positions, with Snowflake Rose fourth. Before the village was reached; Snowflake Rose worked into third place. By this time Missouri had Mr. Buxey's Killarney Rose rost olb got into first place. 'A fine race ensued at this stage and into the home stretch. Missouri was momentarily threatened by Snowflake Rose, but the former proved the better pony of the two and won after a hard-lought struggle by half a length. Cattistock was third. Fugitive 11. was fourth.

Time: 2.21. Wigner: \$6.70." Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,552.95; 2nd \$443.70; 3rd \$221.85.

Pari-mutuel: 1st \$5.00; 2nd \$5.40; 3rd \$8.50. 7.—THE GARRISON CUP.—Presented by the Officers of the Garrison. Becond to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponics. Subscription Griffins of any Season and popies entered in the Hongkong Griffias Stakes and Tientsin Stakes 1908 Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at previous Meetings of one Race 7 lb.; of more than once 14 lb.; at this Meeting 3 lb. extra. Penatties, accumulative. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in either Hongkoog, Shanghai, or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Dryasdust's Barry, rost (2lb...(Dupree) Lieut, Leeson's Soudan, 11st 8lb ..... (Gegg) Mt. Ottery's Tamar, tost 12lb ...... (for es) Mr. Olympia's Poseidon, 11st 5lb †..... (Schnorr)

Mr. J. Armstrong's Kirton, rost 13lb# ...... Mr. H. Humphreys' Resignation rost rolb\* (Humphreys)

Mr. Ottery's Abstainer, 10st 12lb ..... (Vida) Hon. P. G. Scarlett's White Knight, rost Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Bohemian Chief, 12st ; 11b ....(Hayes)

\* 5lb allowance. † 71b penalty.

t ilb overweight. The big field have no trouble to the starters. The poples got away level with one another. Tamar led the field on passing the stand followed by Soudan and Barry; the last named was the favourite. Poseidon then crept up and took third place from Barry when negotiating the incline to the Rock. Taking they maintained. no chances Barry soon worked his way up and overtook the leading ponies at the far say a little word about the tramcars. The man end of the course, entering the straight home | responsible for that system is Mr. Gray Scott, leading from Tamar; all the rest were in a and of course the organiser is always credited bunch. Barry stuck to his position on the with things done by his subordinates. I would rails and won without difficulty. Soudan was just like to say one word in favour of those second and Tamar third.

Time: 2.07 3/5. Winner: \$18.00.

3rd \$222.75.

Presented. Second to receive \$150; and for this kind of work. third \$75. For griffing on date of entry and Winners barred. Jockeys who had a winor Tientsia allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$100 One mile, distribution with the

Mossre, Toeg & Speelman's Volga, tost 121b

Mr. Oltery's Plym, Hel 4lb ......(Jones) Mr. John Peel's Fernie, tost talb (Gresson) Mostra Findlay & Moir's Strathdallas ...... tret 4th manner (vida) a | and the gueste were happy accordingly. Que pony Volga

Commodore H. Lyon's Fair Ulinh rost 71b Mr. T. F. Hough's Sidier Dhu fost folb \*(Mackie)

\*4lb allowance. Plym secured the position of advantage on the rails, while Sidier Dhu was far out on the other side. The start was a capital one. Volga had the smallest of advantage in a very short lead. Rosn was second and Plym third. Commodore Lyon's mount brought up the rear when racing to the back stretch. The strong Strathdallas and Fernic, (both Derby | tion saved mo. contestants) drew level with each other. Volga down the incline when Reve d'Or Rose took the lead from Volga and Plym successively. Burkill was somewhat confident of the race; but Hayes on the rails put on the spurt and Volga, answering splendidly, forged, ahead and managed to best Reve d'Or Rose just at the last lap-ap exciting ending to a capital race. Plym was third. This was the order the ponies started. Fair Ullah was a long distance last.

Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,370.25; 2nd \$391.50; ard \$195.75. Pari-mutuel: 1st \$9.10; 2nd \$6.00; 3rd \$13.90. O. THE HONGKOKG CLUB CUP. Presented by the members of the Hongkong Club. Second to receive \$150; and third \$75. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5, lb. Subscription griffins of this season 1908-1909 allowed to lb. Winnors at this meeting 5 lb. extra. Entrance

Time: 2.07 1/5.

Winner: \$82.20.

\$15. One mile and a half. Mr. Buxey's Spring Rose, 11st 11b ... (Burkill) Mr. Dryasdust's Coxcomb, 10st 12lb ...... This race, was practically a walk-over for

Time: 3.21 Winnerl: \$5.00 Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,258.80; 2nd \$419.60.

Spring Rose, who led from start to finish.

Pari-mutuel: 1st \$5.30

10.—THE RACING STAKES.—Value \$400. Second to receive \$150; and third \$75: For China ponies, Subscription griffins of this season 1903-1909. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Unplaced Runners and lockeys who havenever had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Allowances accumulative. Entrance Sto. Five furlongs.

Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Swan, 11st Admiral Lambton's Kamranh, tost rolb f ... (Machie) Mr. Wayfoong's Constant; rost 51b\* † ......... Messrs, R. R. Hynd and A. C. Hynes' Bagih

Major H. Findlay's Black Sheep; .......... Mr. Seth's Little Nemo, rost 12lb ..... (Seth) Mr. F. C. R. Studd's Butcher, tost 121b ... (Scarlett) Mr. Douglas' Bluejack II., 11st olb † ....... (Hansen)

Mr. Olympia's Hippomedon, 10st 12lb ...... (Schnorr) Mr. C. H. Ross' Ben Alder, 10st 12lb †...... (Hickmann) Mr. G. Q. Henrique's Grey Back, Jost Jolbi (Balderston) Mr. Ottery's Torridge, rost 12lb .....(Jone)

Mr. Christiani's Droschkengaul, tost tolb (Pettersen) Mr. J. H. Lewis's Bystander 11st. 11b ...... (Laurence) Mr. H. Humphreys' Mummery tost 7lb (Humphreys) Hon. Mr. F. H. May's Asteroid 10st 12lb

Mr. Magnie's Sturdy rest-lib -.... (Vida) o Mr. H. Humphreys' Sir Joseph 1 tet 11b

-(Burkill)

\* 11b overweight slb allowance

1-21b overweight ..... There was a very large field for the last race of the day; no less than nineteen ponies started. Sir Joseph led for the first quarter of the distance; but was overtaken by Swan who hugged the rails all the way in the home straight and won in capital style from Admiral Lambton's Kamranh, second, with Constant third, Asteroid limped home last, Time: 1.18 1/5.

Winner: \$32.80. Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,291.50; 2nd \$369.00; 3rd Pari-mutuel: 1st \$13.40; 2nd \$24.40; 3rd

A WANDERER'S OBSERVATIONS. Observations on the weather would natural ly come to everyone's mind where the faces are concerned. I had the privilege of escorting an American to the races this forenoon, ongof those Americans who are willing to learn. And he learned a lot, He had been at the Eclipse and the Derby and he rather frowned upon our own special meeting, but Corsar talks.

the usual veni, vidi As a matter of fact the; weather was dull at the start although it cleared up during the day. Did that prevent the people coming out in their | man's Missouri had quite a number of supthousands? I don't think.

When I went down this morning in company I the Trial Plate yesterday when his finish sent with a callous gang who thought they owned the car, I felt almost respectable-in fact, and I panion-Volga-after beating Reve d'Or Rosé say it again-I was respectable. Long before in the Professional Cup was considered good I saw the place, Mr. Hough was there.

What I want to say right away is this: there must be some marvellous organisation at the not start. Mestrs. Toog and Speciman declarhead of the Police. They were everywhere: they were polite, and they knew English-those | port enjoyed by each candidate, respectively of them who were not Scotsmen. Referring to the Police, it is proper to com-

pliment. Chief Inspector Baker, the Chief Detective, Mr. Hanson, and a few others, whose follows:names escape me at the moment, on the admirable, and did I say before, marvellous order

Now before I arrive at the race, I want to they get praise, Their work is taken for granted, But Mr. Course and Mr. Glendin-Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,559.75; and \$445.50; ning managed those care in a way that excited the admiration of my American friend. That 8. -THE PROPESSIONAL CUP.-Value &50. only misfortune is that there is no decoration

ponies that have never wou a race. Sub- race-course? The Clerk of the Course-can scription griffins of this season 1008-1009 you beat him for geniality and obtuseallowed 5 lb. Weight for inches as per scale. ness when the man attempts to wander in sans ticket? By this time, nearly everybody Rose forged ahead and got to the front he re- his stable companion raced in company, while, ning mount in either Hongkong, Shanghai | knows that "Tommy," is more bluff than anger, but when he is there things seem to go right

preferably.

the question of stands, is it fair to speak of one or two? Because I would like to dilate upon the in for the ladies to say-but, if you will let me, had ma doots, as the Scotch say.

For example, I tried to get to a stand owned. by the great Cheung Pui Kai. Nothing doin. Then I had a manceuvre to Mr. Ritchie's place. | luncheon interval. | Jubilee Rose was con-After various value walks, calling policemen, sidered the likely winner, but his pounty feeling happy, and so forth, I was directed discounted his chances in favour of his to the Hon. Mr. Chenny—he was not there. of course. Then I went up to the stand owned | secured a good win without any difficulty. same order was maintained opposite the Club by Ritchie and to tell the truth I lost the noble Another favourite secured the victory in the Lusitano Stand, and not much of a change was sum of two dollars. At Mr. Cheung Pui Kai's Lusitano Cup, which went to Snowflake witnessed nearing Bowtington gate. Going stand I nearly lost a little more, but great cau- Rose, zidden by Burkill, Mr. Buxey started

> I don't like to say anything against the starters I the game Glesler, who established a record of but if I were playing a game of billiards and the, time for this race. The course was very fast marker played pranks there might be a rough to-day, the third record being established in the house, If that was a start my aunt is a lady, day's racing. Backstay secured the Navy Cup ladies, who came out of their shell, looked at of the day and was won by Reve d'Or Rose to say, seem to have the teal sporting instinct. A big field entered for the Gymkhana Club Without powder or paint, without vasaline or | Cup which went to Plym, the winner. enamel, they are themselves. It is so seldem Appended are the detailed results of the that, a foreigner sees them that he is as a role | races :-embarrassed in their company. But not at the races. Most of them, in colloquial language, are too good to live.

Now, I think it is time that the races were allowed to be run. If only the winner of the big sweep would give me half his winnings-I might be happy. For a while.

The same perfect weather conditions prevail ed on the second day of the great annual race. meeting, held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, as it did on the opening day yesterday. Early in the morning a fres north-east widd was blowing; it had the desired effect of dissipating the mist that hung like a pall over the Valley early this morning as in the forencon yesterday. By the time the first race began the light at the race course was all that was desired, and the racing could be watched from the numerous stands and booths under the best of atmospheric conditions. The temperature was rather cooler, a fact which rendered the outing all the more pleasant for the immense throng that gathered within the enclosure and on the green. From an early hour the ladies, in large numbers, began to arrive, and by the luncheon hour the aggregation of the fair sex was pleasing to behold. The Jockey Club's stands, reserved for members, were crowded with the clite of Hongkong's fair damsels; the Naval stand, where Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton, K.C.B., was "At home" to his friends of the Service and to Civilians, had its full complement of visitors, while the officials of the Civil Service and their lady friends watched the races from the Governor's stand. Sir Frederick Lugard was at the course at an early hour again to-day. With His Excellency was Miss Henniker and his aides-de-camp, Capt. P. H. Mitchell-Taylor and Captain Simson. The gubernatorial party was received by Mr. T. F. Hough, the ubiquitous clerk of the course land Stewards of the Jockey Club upon arrival. His Excellency remained to the last race of the day. The concourse of people within the rails was quite as large as yesterday and must have numbered several thousands: On every point of vantage where the races could be watched, the Chinese gathered in large groups, notably on the familiar Black Rock whither big crowds rushed every time the field approached that stage of the race. For the orderliness and good humour which prevailed all the credit belongs to the excellent service maintained by the Messis. Toeg and Speelman's Sutlej, tast members of the Hongkong Police Force under Chief Inspector Baker. Upon the detective staff | Messrs. Findlay and Moir's Giesler tost olb also felle much of the burden of the onerous

lent Band of The Buffs supplied pleasant music which delighted the throng of speciators within the enclosure. As to the racing, interest, of course, centred in the event of the day-the Hongkong Derbyof which more anon. The programme opened with the Jockey Cup; the race was restricted to jockeys who have not had more than two fones's mount was the most fancied; the The Exchange Plate of a value of a thousand dollars brought out six contestants and was won after a most exciting race by Mr. produced the only surprise of the meeting: the "pari" paid \$280,20-for a win. The principal event of the day was unquestionably the Hongkong Derby, a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$1,500 added. After his splendid exhibition yesterday, Mr. Buxey's Little Gem Rose was considered unrivalled for the honours of the blue ribbon. Messrs. Toeg and Speelporters for the premierable until his running in his reputation on the wane. His stable com- \$84.60, enough for a place. So also were Strathdallas. Cattistock and Fernie. The two former did ed to win with Missouri. The measure of sun-

(action: To Mr. J. Gray Scott, the general

manager of the Electric Traction Co., and his

traffic superintendents special praise is due for

the regularity and perfection of the service of

cars maintained throughout the day; the ab-

normal traffic was carried without complaint

from so much as a single quarter. The excel-

board just before the race was run; it is as To Win. For Places. Little Gem Rose ......... 575 Missouri Manadata Missouri 175 Fernie ...... 78 

for Derby bonours to-day will be seen at a

glance from the table hoisted on the betting

good man to make a decent; ordinary stand, but C.M.C., was the fortunate holder of the ticket each. Apollo was out of the retaining those there apparently understand the business for Fernie, and Mr. J. Turebull had the third hugged the ralls. At the Chip Lits in the chip t

Twelve poples entered for the German Cup. Barry, the favourite, won easily. Two ponies conveniences -I don't say comfort, because that of the Navy came in second and third, respectively, viz. Admital Lambton's Kam. ranh and Mr.; Ottory's Tamar, An add journment was made after this race for tiffin. A big field started for the race following the stable companion, Reve d'Or Rose, who Lithree ponies for the Challenge Cup, which I saw some of the races. For instance, I saw | brought out a field of seven ponies. was leading. A capital race was seen coming | the first, on which I had some money. I lost it. | Spring Rose was a badly beaten by What I want to say before I finish is the ab- I from Lyemun out of a field of fourteen ponies. solutely kind way in which some of the Chinese | The Parsee Cup saw the most exciting finish me. Not only that, but they have, I was going I from Cattistock by not more than half a length.

I.—THE JOCKEY CUP.—Value \$300. Second to receive \$150; and third \$75. For China ponies, Bubscription griffins of any season. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China. Weight! for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Entrance Sto. Once round.

Mr. Ottery's Abstainer; rost 12lb ... (Jones) ... Mr. H. Gibbon Moore's Lyemun, 11st 1lb .... Mr. H. Humphreys' Resignation, Istalb ... (Humphreys) Mr. Smith's Sandstone, it ist ilb ... (Morris) 0

Mr. Christiani's Droschkengaul, 11st 11b .... (Pettersen) 🖟 🖰

Mr. Wayfoong's Constant, 10st olb ...... Mr. Olympia's Heracles, 11st 4lb ... (Jordan) O Moore (on Lyemun) started in wrong colours. Seven ponies entered. Abstainer's chances for the race were considered the best. Resignation was on the rails and Constant outside. Lyemun got away first, followed by Abstainer and Resignation; Heracles was last. At the Football stand Lyemun led the field, closely pursued by Resignation and Droschkeugaul. At the bottomof the incline Resignation closed with the leader and raced neck and neck as far as the Black Rock when Lyemun took the lend. The favourite (Abstainer) now worked his way up and soon was level with the leader. A fine race ensued between Lyemun and Absteiner: the latter managed to beat Lyemun by just a nose and so secured the judge's verdict in his favour. After the race had finished. Constant threw off his rider (Hickman) near Bowrington Gate; Sandstone ran up the hill.

Time: 2.00. Winner: \$10.70. Cash Sweeps: 1st \$390.60; 2nd \$111.60; 3rd.

Pari-mutuel: 1st 56.10; 2nd \$13.30; 3rd \$7.40. -THE EXCHANGE PLATE.-Value \$1,000. . Presented by the bankers and exchange brokers of Hongkong, Second to receive \$250; and third \$100. For China pooles. Weigh for inches as per scale. Winners: at this meeting of one race 7 lb.; of two, or more races to lb, extra. Griffins allowed 5 lb. Subscription griffins of this season 1908-1909 alowed to ib. Upplaced runners allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$15. From the two

mile post once round and in. Mr. John Peel's Heraldic rost 121b

\_\_\_\_\_Albarrania----aire---------------------------(Hayes) / 2

Police duties which were discharged with Mr. Darius Rubber Tree, 11st 41h \* (Gegg) o so much efficiency and to general public satis. Mr. Buxey's York Rose, lost 121b (Burkill) de Mr. Buxey's Celia Rose, 11st Ilb (Mackie) 0 \* 3lb overweight. The Roses started favourites, York Rose

claiming the largest number of admirers. Before the fall of the flag Giesler was on the rails and Sullej on the outer course. At the start? Sutlej and Giesler showed to the front, followed by the companion Roses. The first time past the Stand Sutley led from Giesler with York Rose third; this was the order in which the back stretch was covered as far as the Football stand when Suilej still held the command with Celia Rose on his theels, Giesler third, York Rose fourth, Heraldice held in fifth and Rubber Tree a long way winning mounts previous to this meeting in | behind last. Within the next furlong, Satlei. Hongkong or China, Seven ponies entered, relinquished the command to Celia Rose. Heraldic meanwhile keeping to the rear, race was won by Absteiner (Jones up). Negotiating the hill, Celia Rose was first, the rest in a bunch. Now was Laurence's opportunity and he made the best of it. ... The blue and silver, which was screened from view. Laurence on John Peel's Heraldic. This win showed up at the home stretch. Giesler hugged the rail with Sutled nearest him and York Rose right outside. Riding hard, Heraldie dashed past the winning post a wither from Suilej by fully a length; Suilej was second and Giesler a good third. Rubber Tree was last by a long distance. The fortunate patrons of Heraldic on the "pari" secured \$280.20 for a \$5 bill.

> Time: 2.18 2/5. Winner: \$280.20.

Cash Sweeps: 1st \$592,20; 2nd \$169,20; 3rd Pari-mutuel: 1st Sig.00; 2nd Sis.70 a srd

3.—THE HONGKONG DERBY,—A sweepstakes of Szo each with S1,500 added. For China popies, bend flde griffics on date of entry. First Pany to receive 70 per cent. Second 20 per cent.; and third to per cent. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half, Mr. Buxey's Little Gem Rose, rost 121b.

(Laurence) Messrs, Toeg & Speciman's Volga, rost raib Mr. Olympia's Apollo, rost gib ... (Schworr), a Messra. Toeg & Speciman's Missouri, Italy

Mr. John Peel's Fernie, 10st 12lb ......

4lb .....(Hayes) 0 Messrs. Toeg and Spealman declared to win-The first pony to take the field was Fornie, with Missouri. Pernie was the first to take the and as he trotted past the spectators he was field. Laurence trotted Ewo's candidate past gentlemen who regulate the cars. 'It isn't often' made the subject of close scrutiny and mental the speciators, and exercised his mount up the notes were compared as to his chances of home stretch. Little Gem Rose was next to carrying off the race. Little Gem-Rose cross the gate and as Burkill trotted gently to monopolised public attention, and did not the starting post, the Gem was the cynpsure of falsify the great hopes that had been raised all eyes. The stable companions Missouri and Pari-mutuel: 1st 57.90; 2nd \$11.80; 3rd is praise well deserved, and I cordially endorse on him by the floe form he displayed on the Volga took the long journey round the village to every word he said regarding the Police. The previous day. From the fall of the flag Volga face the red flag. Apollo was given a fast trot; began making the pacing for the Shanghai before the start. The quintette gave no trouble crack, Missouri, who, however, did not come I to the starters. Volga was on the rails with Happy Valley-is there any finer place for a up to the scratch and never throughout the race Little Gem Rose as his nearest neighbour. On any showed anything like the pony he was believed | the fall of the flag Volga shot about with to be. Fernie look the command of the field Little Gem Rose following, Soon Volga began for some short distance, but when Little Gem to make the pacing for Missouri, who islaing main there and Burkill won the race as be I Little Gem Rose formed a partnership with liked in the record time of 3 minutes to seconds. Fernie. Applie was left many lengths belinder Cheers greeted both jockey and owner as Little | Pirst time round the village the field ran in As you can perceive, I am no racing man. Gem Ross was led leisurely into the enclosure, couples, led by Mosers. Toeg & Speelman's pelf and I like is to be in a crowd, with a Irland. In the Jockey Club non-selling sweeps which. Apollo brought up the rear. The order passing a totalled S13.750 Mr. H. Tielenbacker, in joint the spectators in the first round was Volgan Speaking from a detached point of view the account with P. F. F. was the lucky drawer commanding, followed by Missouri Farples. stands this year were better than ever, It takes a of Little Gem Rose; the Hon, Mr. F. H. May, and Little, Gem Rose with a distance between a Marouri reliaquistant ala second place in

favour of Fernie; Little Gem Rose displacing Mesers Toeg and Speelman's Stirrup Cup Toog and Specimen's best for third-place. Fernie took the command at the bottom of the Mr. John Peel's Vine, lost 121b ...... (Schport) climb to the Black Rock. Gem Rose was now Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Bohemian Chief, stat 11b coming up strong; the little pony answered the sport in magnificent style and before the village was reached, he was already shead of Fernie and once in the premier post- Glorious Rose. Cella Kose was at the head of tion Burkill was never threatened. Little Gom Rose, won in a canter in the record time of 3 | first time; Glorious Rose was second and Stirrup minutes and to seconds. Fernie was a bad second and Volga many lengths behind third, rear. When the Pootball stand was reached Mr. Mody, owner of Little Gem Rose, received Spring led ; Stirrup Cup was second and a great ovation as he led the winner into the Glorious Rose third. Cella Rose now began enclosure. "Prosperity to Buxey's stable" was: to do the pacing for his stable companions and then heartily pledged amidst cheers at Mr. Mody's private stand.

Time: 3.10. Winner: \$7.30. Cash Sweeps: 1st \$3,501.40; 2nd \$1,000.00;

3rd \$500,20. Pari-mutuel: 1st \$7.20; 2nd \$13.60.

4-THE GERMAN CUP .- Prescuted by mombars of the Club Germania. Second to reerive \$1501 and third \$75. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1908-1909. Weight for inches as per scale Entrance Sio, One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dryasdust's Barry, rost 1216 (Dupreo) Admiral Lambton's Kamranh, 11st 11b..... Mr. Oitery's Tamar, rost 12lb......(Jones)

Mr. J. Armstrong's Kirton, 18st 4lb (Gegg) Major H. Findlay's Black Sheep, rist ilb

Mr. Smith's Sandstone, 11st 11b ... (Morris) o Mr. Olympia's Hippomedon, rost 121b ..... Mr. John Peel's Dunkerry, rest, 4lb (Gresson) Mr. J. S. Sill's Gambler, 11st tlb (Hickman) o

Mr. D Macdonald's Highland Laddie, tost ralb......(Vida) o. Mr. Seth's Macscraw, 10st 12lb...... (Seth) o Mr. Douglas' Bluejacket II., 10st 13lb#..... Mr. Buxqy's Little Dot Rose, rost 9lb ......

The start was not a good one. Highland Laddie had the best of it by several lengths. Mr. Ottery's Torridge, lost 121b ..... (Jones) First time past the winning post Highland -Laddie headed the procession by about ten lengths; the others after him were in this order: Hippomedon, Tamar, and Kamranh, This was also the order the popies covered the back stretch in. Barry, the favourite, came up strong going up to the Black Rock. Highland Laddie's superiority began to wane and what advantage he had was lost to Barry at the village. Dupree was now sure of the race, and carried the scarlet cap home a winner. Kamraph was second and Tamar third. Time: 2.44.

Winner: \$11,60.

S.-THE, CHINA STAKES .- Value Scool Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Sto. Five Furlongs.

Mr. Buxey's Rêve d'Or Rose, 10st 4lb #..... Messrs. Toog and Speelman's Pei-ho, ... iost talb................. (Hayes) Mr. Buxoy's Jubiles Rose, 17st 5lb .....

Mr. Brutton's Lowlander, 9st 131b (Pettersen) o / Messrs, Findley and Moir's Scafnam, vost 12lb ..... (Vida) o Mr.Olympia's Poseidon, tost 12lb (achnorr)" o

Mr. Brutton's Nutmeg, 11st olbf,..(Biutton) o Major Eaton's Game Chick, tost ralb...... Mr. Ottory's Tavy, 10st 4lb § ......(Jones) Mr. S.-V.'s Chicory, rost 5|b|| ......(Oliver)

Mr. Southdown's Off Chance rost 5lb (Grant) o Mr. John, Peel's Cattistock, 11st 1lb ...... Mr. E. B. Chichester's Sahib, tost tolb ¶ ... Hickman)

51b allowance. 71b penalty 21b overweight 51b overweight.

Iolb allowance.

Ilb overweight. There was a false start and Lowlander raced once round the course. Before he reached the statting postagain the field was let go. Révod'Or Rose showed to the front at the eastern corner of the green screen followed by Tavy, Jubilee Rose. and Scafoam. Entering the village Pei-ho dashed forward but be could not manage to displace Reve d'Or Rose from the lead. Seafoam worked hard to catch up, but failed in his efforts. The win was comparatively easy for Reve d'Or Rose. Pei ho finished second Inbiles Rose third and Seafoam fourth.

Time: 1.14. Winner: \$28,40,

Cash Sweeps: 18t \$1,990,80; 2nd \$568,80; 3rd \$284.40.

Pari-mutuel: 1st \$11.10 ; 2nd \$9,00; )rd \$7.20 6.-THE LUSITANO CUP.-Presented by the Members of the Club Lusitano. For China Ponies, bond fide Griffins on date of entry. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. Weight for inches as perscale. Subscription Griffins of this Senson 1908-1909 allowed 7 lb. extra. Entrance \$10. One mile, Mr. Buxey's Spowfiake Rose, 11st 4lb ......

Mr. John Peel's Garth, 11st 4lb (Laurence) Messre, Toeg & Speelman's Missouri, xist Itlb# (Hayes) Mr. Olympia's Achilles, 11st 4lb (Schnorr) Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Waziri Chief, (Dupree) \* 7lb extrn.

Waziri Chief, on the rails, led.at the start Snowflake Rose, on the outer course, brought up the rear. Waziri Chief was the first pony on the first round; Achilles was second and Garth third. Opposite the Football stand the field closed up, Waziri Chief still leading; Garthand Missourl raced in company; Snowflake Rose was with Achilles. At the Black Rock Snowfisks began to work to reduce his distance Garth took it from Waziri Chiof. but bis command was not of long duration, the Rose levelling with Ewo's at the village Mr. G. Q. Henrique's Grey Back, ost 111bf# displacing him in the home straight. Garth kept to the rails, while Snowflake Rose chose a clear field and won by a length from Garth. The Derby candidate Missouri was a bad third; Waziri Chiefefinished fourth and Achilles last.

Time: 2,09. Winner: \$12,20. Cash Sweeps: 1st \$2,235.70; and |\$610.20|

\$td \$305.10. - Parl-mutuell 1st \$6.20 | 2nd \$6.70.

Y THE CHALLENGE CUP, Value One hundred Guineas. For China Ponies. A forced entry of \$10 each, but optional to China Ponies Subscription Griffins of this or previous Sessons. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a Pony or Ponies the bond fide property, of the same owner. Winner to receive \$300 and 70 per cent. Second \$100 and 20 per cent, and Third \$50 and to per cent, of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won, when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent, and Third Pony 25 per cent, of the Entrance Feer. One Mile and three quar-

Mesers. Findley and Moir's Giesler, tost olb Mr. Husey's Spring Rose, tiet tib (Burkill) 2 Mr. Buney's Colla Rose, fist 11b ... (Mackle), 3. ... Pari-mutuel 11st \$9.20 | 2nd \$9.50 | 3rd \$6,60,

itst 7lb (Hayes)

Mr. Buxey's Glorious Rose, tret 11b (Dupres). To a good start Bohemian Chief ted from the bunch when the Stand was passed for the Cup third. Bohamian Chief brought up the forged ahead, leading the field at the Black Rock, He maintained the command at the village band when Stirrup Cup gradually fell away. Giesler now came up from the rear with grim determination and wrosted the leadership on the home straight winning easily, to general surprise, from Spring Rose, who was second and Celia Rose third." Glorious Rose finished

Time: 3.44 4/5. Winner: \$56.70.

Cash Sweeps: 151 \$2,101.051 2nd \$600,301 3rd **5**300 14.

Pari-mutuel: set \$8.10; 2nd \$5.60; 3rd \$12.20. 8.—THE NAVY CUP.—Presented by the Officers of His Majesty's Fleet. Second to receive Sigo: and Third \$75. For China Ponies Subscription Griffins of this Season 1928-1909. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the German Cup to lb.; other Winners 7 lb.

Post Once Round and in, Mr. Moregold's Backstay, Tist 81bf ... (Vida) Mr. H. Gibbon Moore's Lyemun, 11st 11b.

Mr. John Peel's Dunkerry, 11st 4lb (Gresson) Mr. J. Armstrong's Kirton, 11st 41b...(Gogg) o Mr. Elbec's Regret, 11st 4lb ...... (Scatlett)

Mr. Smith's Graystone, 11st 1lb ... (Motris) o Mr. Christiani's Droschkengaul, ristalb... (Pettersen)

Mr. H. Humphreys' Mummery, 10st 1216 ... (Humphreys) M1. Olympia's Hippomedon, 10st 12lb ..... (Schnorr) o Mr. H. Humphreys' Sir Joseph 11st 11b .....

(Dapree) Mr. D. Macdonald's Highland Laddie 10st 13lb ...... \*(Seth) Mr. Wayloong's Constant 10st olb,..(Hayes)

\*Ilb overweight.

f 71b extra. Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,260,00; 2nd \$360,00; 3rd | the start and were followed by Highland Laddie. The trio passed the spectators in that or-Pari-mutuel: 1st \$6.50; and \$12.50; 3rd \$12.50 | der, all the rest in a bunch behind. At the Football Stand Torridge made straight for the gate. but was pulled in in time. Sir Joseph and Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale, Backstay increased their lead considerably Winners at this Meeting of one Race 7 lb.; down the hill. Dunkerry came up strong and of two or more Races to lb. extra. Griffins, took the command for a few seconds at the allowed 5 h, Subscription Griffins of Seasons village bend. He had to relinquish it to, 1907-1908 and 1908-1909 that have not won Backstay and Lyemun, who made a fine strugmore than one race allowed to ib. Entrance | gle to win, but managed to get in second. Dunkerry was third. Time: 2.24 4/5.

Winner: \$12,10. Chick Sweeps; 1st \$1,808.10; 2nd \$516.60; 3rd \$258,30,

Pari-mutuel: 1st \$6.50; and 19.90; 3rd \$21.10. 0.-THE PARSEE CUP.-Presented by the Parsee Community, Value \$500. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies bond fide Griffins on date of entry Weight for inches as per scale. Winners. one Race 7 lb.; of two or more Races to ! extra. Entrance \$10. One Mile and

quarter. Mr. Buxey's Reve d'Or Rose, 11st 2lb ".....

Mr. Ottery's Dart, tost 12lb..... Messrs, Toeg and Speciman's Volga, 11st 51b\*

Mr. H. J. Gedge's Fugitive II. rist ilb..... Mr. Olympia's Apollo, tost olb ...... (Schnorr)

\*7lb penalty. Rêve d' Or Rose soon displaced him and took | Stakes, and when they passed the Judge's Box for the Stakes went to Maryland who was largely second time Reve d'Or Rose was only half a backed and won in a canter from Astral. length ahead and so won the race. Cattistock was second, and Dait third.

"Time: 2.41 3/5. Winner: \$9.40,

3rd \$ 225.ga.

Presented by the Members of the Gymkhana fined to Subscription Griffins 7 lb.; of a Subscription Griffins Race 2 · lb. extra. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1908. 1909 allowed 7 lb. Winners at this Meeting barred, Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in either Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance Sto.

Three quarters of a Mile. Mr. Ottery's Plym, tost Bib ..... (Jones) Mr. Dryasdust's Coxcomb, 11st 1lb (Duprèc) Mr. Dryasdust's Earthquake tret 11b.......

Mr. S. V.'s Chicory, tost 51b\* (Oliver) ...... Lieut. Leeson's Soudan, 11st 5lbf ..... (Gegg)

Hon. Mr. F. H. May's Astral, rist rib ...... (Owner) Mr. Reinbek's Maryland, trat tib.....(Vida) Mr. Brutton's Nutmeg, tost tolb \*(Pattersen Mr. Brutton's Kingston 11st alb. (Schnort) Messry. Toeg and Speelman's Gunduck.

fost fib ..... (Hayes) \* 5 lb. allowance. † 12 lb. allowance. . I t lb. overweight, ' 1 4 lb, overweight, § 2 lb. overwalght.

the way until the short length in the home catch up Coxc)mb failed and lost to Plym and Horatio last.

Time | 1.31 2/5. Winner; \$46.10. Cash Sweepst. tet \$1,669.50; and \$477.00 1 2rd \$238.50.

Ludies Day was the last and concluding day of the great sporting meeting of the year-the annual races hold with such conspicuous success by the Hongkong lockey Club. King's worther favoured the meeting which was brought to a close to-day. The weather throughout the day was even Baer than the precoding days; not a cloud obscured the sky and King Sol, with appropriate gallantry, shone in all his splendour in favour of the ladies who graced the paddock in such large -numbers to-day. The Ladies Purse was presented before the tiffin adjournment at I o'clock. This fact accounted for the earlier arrival of the ladies than on Tuesday and Large as this number was, it was considerably Many and varied were the costumes worn. Some of the "creations" were really artistic productions, which might have done credit to any Parisian salon. In point of numbers in evincing their appreciation of Ladies' Day. The concourse far exceeded those on the first two days of the meeting. The largely increased accommodation on the grand stand was taxed to its utmost limit; the spacious building | tail :was literally erowded with a good-patured crowd on pleasure bent. The Chinese swarmed within extra. Entrance \$10. From the Two Mile the ring in the Valley in their thousands. The crowd was a truly motley one and told more eloquently than words the cosmopolitanism whereof the community of the Colony is composed. The booths were each and everyone 3 of them packed to their extreme capacity. Every national flag under the sun floated to the breeze from the numerous flagpoles. The variety of colours was picturesque in the extreme and never did the most beautiful racecourse in the world present such a scene | Mesars. Toeg and Speelman's Volga, 11st of pretty animation as the Happy Valley did on the concluding day of the race meeting of Mr. John Peel's Cattistock, 11st vib .......

The Governor and party arrived early in the Mr. Olympia's Achilles 11st 41b ......... day and watched the races to the end from the official stand. The first race on the programme was the

Hayes was the first rider to be weighed out, nie's grey boad was seen first; Volga and win. Fernie, Mr. John Peel's Derby candidate, Strathdallas; Achilles was several lengths be-Strathdallas second. Cattistock finished last, drew away from the trio who raced neck and Sutles started the favourite for the Great neck as far as near the village, when Strath-Sir Joseph and Backstay took the lead from | Southern Stakes. Bohemian Chief led from | dallas drew level with Volga displacing Cattiwas reached, when Sutlej, putting on the spurt, still commanding and, hugging the rails, won in no other pony proved dangerous. Hayes won | second, Volga was third. Achilles beat Cathands down. Lowlander was nowhere. The Listock for fourth place; Cattistock finished no-Hongkong Stakes produced the most exciting | where, finish of the day. The tuisle between Kamraph, the leader, on entering the home straight, and Barry was exciting. Just at the last lap Barry managed to push ahead by half a length [ \$52.20 and so secured the victory. Mr. H. P. White, the owner, was loudly applauded on leading Barry into the enclosure, The Ladies' Purse was a tame race contested by four entrants. Celia Rose, ridden by Mr. Burkill, was very largely fancied. At one stage of the race he assumed the command from the trio, but once displaced by Seafoam, he never again stood to win the Ladies' Purse. Mr. Vida rode easily as the field entered the back stretch and won comfortably, with several lengths to

jockey (Mr. Vida) proceeded to the Grand-Stand, where the ladies had gathered (or the Mr. Brutton's Lowlander, 9st 13lb (Petterson) presentation of the purse subscribed by the ladies of Hongkong. The Governor was also present at the presentation, On behalf of the ladies of the Colony, Miss Lyon, daughter of | countable for a false start; he had to be led to Commodore Lyon, asked Mr. Vida to accept the starting post. The position before the fall the purse which he had won on Seafoam. Mr. of the flag were: Bohamian Chief on the rails, 3rd \$251.10. Vida, in accepting the trophy, thanked Miss with Sutlej, York Rose, and Scafoam to his lovely-bouquet-of-beautiful-flowers-held in a set Bohemian Chief had a slight advantsilver holder with streamers of the Club age, Seafoam being second and York Rose colours, the dark blue and old gold. Three third; Lowlander was lying last. At the incheers and a "tiger" were then called for Miss cline to the Rock, Bohemian Chief, riding hard, Volga led from Dart at the start, Fugitive Lyon and the ladies of Hongkong, at the con- increased his lead. Seafoam and York Rose Il on his heels and Apollo last. Fugitive II. clusion of which Mr. Vida, the successful rider raced in company. The companions caught led on passing the Judge's Box, Cattistock of Seafoam, escorted Miss Lyon to tiffin. The was second, and Reve d' Or Rose sourth. At usual adjournment sollowed before the com- placed entering the straight. Seasoam was the incline Dart was ahead of the field but mencement of the fifth race—the Flyaway

spare from Celia Rose.

the command at the Rock. Cattistock made a After the tiffin interval, six ponies started for bold bid to secure the leadership, but the the Flyaway Stakes. This race produced a fourth, and Lowlander last. slight advantage Reved' Or Rose had told in the surprise, being won by Dart against the favourlatter's favour besides the better position on the lites Garth and Snowflake Rose. The latter was rail. A splendid neck-and-neck race was with nowhere in the race. Missouri got into third place nessed in the homestraight, Ross and Cattistock from Garth; the race between the two was a \$95.40. contesting every inch of ground between them | capital one for the second place. The Phaeton

Mr. Seth, riding Strathmill in the Governor's Cup, was thrown off near the Bowrington Gate. The pony made straight for the exit and broke through the rail. Mr. Seth was not injured. Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,581.30 | 2nd \$451.80 | Grey Back won the race from Kamranh, who started a hot favourite, but managed to Pari-mutuel: 1st \$5.50; and \$8.20; and \$9.50. secure second place only, with Lyamun a good 10,-THE GYMKHANA CLUB CUP.-Value £50. third. Pei-ho won the Consolation Race after a splendid tussle between him. Coxcomb and Club. Second to receive \$150; and Third York ,Rose, Seven ponles started for the \$75. For all China Ponies that have run at | Champions, Messrs. John Peel, Buxey, and any Gymkhana Meeting or Meetings of Findley and Moir were represented by two the Season 1908 and Subscription Griffins of | candidates each, and Messrs. Toeg and Speelthis Season 1908-19 9: Weight to st. 8.1b. man one only. Little Gem Rose, the unbeaten Winners of any Race other than Races con- Derby crack, had the largest number of fanciers.

The backing was in the following order; Horses To Win For Place Little Gem Rose 1,019 Heraldic ...... 150 Fernie ..... Spring Rose ..... Giesler ..... Seafoam.....

The result of the race was a foregone con- ed his patrons by carrying the scarlet cap clusion for Little Gem Ross, who won in a a winner by half a length. Dunkerry led center, The Nil Desperandum - Stakes pro- at the start, Tamar was second and Gambler duced the largest field of the day reeventeen third. Dunkerry still leading by a long dis-

meeting which is now concluded, it is the when running past the Judge's Box with gratifying duty of the chronicles of the local turi | Dunkerry at the head of the procession, Little to place on record that, with true sportsman- Dot Rose second and Backstay third. Black like spirit, the races have been conducted with Sheep, was many lengths behind last, all the best traditions associated with the same order was maintained at the back Hongkong Jockey Club. The ponies, with stretch. For once Little Dot Rose led at the single exception of the Darby crack-Mr. the Bowrington Gate, Dunkerry on his heels, Buxey's Little Gem Rose-were very evenly and Tamar third. Little Dot Rose soon relinmatched, thus providing splendid racing from | quished his lead to Dunkerry again, followed a spectacular point of view and some keenly by Kamranh second. The scatlet cap at this contested floishes. Records have been establish. stage drew away from the rear and before the ed, notably Gem Rose's performance in the next furlong had been negotiated was in fourth classic event on Wednesday, With a fast course. | position from Backstay third, Entering the excellent times have been recorded. The "pari- etralghtto the winning post, Kamranh led. Barry The start was effected behind the bush, mutual" was run on lines, like Cosar's wife, worked hard to catch up. The ensuing race When the field emerged from behing the trees that are above suspicion. As mistakes must was exciting in the extreme, and was ultimately Plym. was in the lead with Coxcomb some way inavitably occur, if any such had actually won by Barry who was splendidly ridden, behind. An equal distance separated the second taken place, it must be put down to and third horses. Plym increased his lead all inadvertonce rather than an intention to err. Mr. I. P. Madar, the icsses of the "pari-mutual" straight when Coxcomb made strong efforts to privilege, must be complimented on the smooth working of the arrangements, and his by about two lengths, Coxcomb being second, capable accountancy and clerical staff deserve credit for their ready willingness to accommodate the public. General supervision of the financial side of this important department fell upon Mr. J. C. Peter, whose office is no sluecure,

The starters-Mesers, F. H. May and H. Godge-baye had no light tack. The

Wong nei-chong Stakes was somewhat of disappointment in the start effected, otherwise tha voice of cavillars must be hushed in regard to the thankless duties, of the official starters. The decisions of the Judges, Sir Paul Chater and Mr. C. H. Ross, have invariably been accepted by the public, and in not a single instauce have their wordicts been challenged. The clarks of the scales-Messrs, F. B. Dencon, and G. Friesland - weighed the jockeys out always to time. Mr. T. S. Forrest chalked the "times" which were so eagerly-looked forward to at the and of each event by judges of horse-flesh. Finally, upon the ganial Clerk of the Course, Mr. T. F. Hough, devolved the entire responsibility of the whole organisation Wednesday. When the mid-day gun at which worked with such admirable precision Jardine's Mess announced the hour of noon and called forth such universal praise. We to-day the gathering of ladies within the have to reiterate our encomiums of the enclosure at the grand stand and in the private | Police, Force for the order maintained along stands had already numbered several hundreds; the route and at the racecourse, and have to congratulate them for the perfect augmented in the course of the afternoon, immunity from disorders which the public enjoyed. Mr. J. Gray Scott and his staff of electricians can be relied upon for the conveyance of huge traffic and, in the present instance, the general excellence of their service the men were not behind the fair sax left nothing to be desired. The Band of The Buffs contributed much to enliven the proceedings each day with much appreciated Below we give the results of the races in de-

THIRD DAY. or more Races to Ib. extra. Subscription Griffins allowed 5 lb. Entrance Sto. Three quarters of a Mile.

Mr. John Peel's Fernie, 10st 12lb ..... Messrs. Findlay & Moir's Strathdallas; Trat Alb (Vida) alb# (Hayes)

The start took place behind the bush. When Grand Stand Stakes. Punctual to time Mr. | the ponies showed out to the spectators, Fer-Volga carried a penalty of 51b for his previous | Cattistock, were close together, followed by led from start to finish and won as he liked from | hind last. Upon reaching the incline Fernie the start by a good distance until the village stock for third place. At the bend Fernie was forged ahead and once in the premier position | a canter from Strathdallas who was a poor

Time: 1.32 1/5

Winner: \$8.10 Cash Sweeps; 181 \$365.401.2nd \$104.401 grd Pari-mutuel: 1st \$5.60; and \$10.70.

-THE GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES .- Value \$500, Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this Meeting o one Race 7 lb.1 of two or more Races 10 lb extra Griffins allowed 5 lb.; Subscription Griffins of Seasons 1907-1908 and 1908-1909 allowed to lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Messrs, Toog and Speelman's Sutlej. : 1st "alb .....(Hayes) Mr. Buxey's York Rose, tost talb ... (Burkill) At the conclusion of the race, the winning Messre, Findlay and Moir's Seafoam .....

tost tzlb .....(Vida) Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Bohemian Chief, tost

5lb .....([ones] Lowlander was restive and became ac-Lyon for the prize and begged her to accept a left, and Lowlander outside, At the outnow commanding, but Sutle coming up with a rush, shot ahead and won easily from York Rose second, Seafoam third, Bohomian Chief

> Time: 2.05,2/5. Winner: \$18.20. Cash Sweeps; 1st \$557.80; and \$190.80; ard

-THE HONGKONG STAKES,—Value \$600 Second to receive \$200; and 7 hird \$75. forced entry for China Ponies Subscription Griffins of this Season 1908-1909. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the German Cup 7 h. extra; non-winners allowed 3 h Entrançe Sto. One Mile and a half. Mr. Dryasdust's Barry, 11st 51b f...(Dupree) Admiral Lambton's Kamranh, 10st 12ib

Parl-mutuel: 181 \$7.90; 2nd \$6.23.

Mr. I. S. Sill's Gambler rost ralb \*(Hayes) Mr. J. Armstrong's Kirton, 11st 1lb ...... \*(Hickman) Major H. Findlay's Black Sheep, tost 1216 \*(Lyon) Mr. John Peel's Dupkerry, 11st 11b\*

Mr. Ottery's Tamax rost olb ....... \*(Jones) Capt. S. Baker's Shaun Abon tost 121b .... \*(Benibcote) o

Mr. Buxey's Little Dot Rose tost olb Mr. Moragold's Backstay 11st fib ... (Vida) # 11b allowance. f 7lb penalty.

In spite of his 7th penalty, Barry fully justifitauce, the field bunched nearing the Black Summarising the principal features of the Rock for the first time. It spread out again Kamranh was second, and Gambler third. Kir-

Time: 3.21. Winner: \$13.70.

Ossh'Bweepe; 1st \$1,052,101 2nd \$300.601

who have never had a winning mount in pither. Hongkong Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 b. Entrance Sto. Once Round. Messrs. Findley and Moir's Seafoam, tost ralb.....(Vida) Mr. Buxoy's Colin Ross, tist ilb ... (Burkill) 2 Messrs. Toeg and Speciman's Double Zero.

Iost 1: b ..... (Hayes). Mr. Olympia's Poseidon, tost 121b (Schnott) o A disappointingly small field started for the Ladies' Purse. Only four ponies faced, the starter. Burkill's mount Cella Rose was most fancied. There was one false start when Double Zero got away. On the drop of the flag Double Zero led from Celia Rosey Possidon was third and Seafoam riding easily lying behind last. Wheeling round the Lucitano Club bend the punies raced in pairs : Double Zero and Poseidon, Celia Rose and Seafoam. At the Black Rock, Double Zero assumed command from Possidon, with Seafoam third and Cella Rose at his heels. Before the field approached the Brewery Celia Rose showed to the front, but he failed to maintain his position of advantage, surrandering it to Seafoam on the home straight. Cella Rose tried hard to regain the mastery; whip and spur failed to urge him on better than he was capable, and Seafoam won without trouble. Double Zero Mr. Southdown's Off Chance, tost Tolb ... was third. Poseidon came in last.

At the finish of the race, the spectators gathered at the Grand Stand where the Indias were awaiting the arrival of the inccessful jockey of Seafoam, Mr. Vida. The presenta-1;-THE GRAND STAND STAKES .- Value \$500. I ion of the purse from the Hongkong ladies was Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For made by Miss Lyon who congratule ad Mr. beat Coxcomb by just a nose for second place. China Ponies, bond flds Griffins on date of | Vida on his win. Cheers and a tiger concluentry. Winners of one Race 5 lb.; of two I-ded the ceremony. An interval followed after this race for tiffin.

Time: 1.54 1/5 Winner: \$11.70

Cash Sweeps: 1st \$4,225,35; 2nd \$350.10; .,.o**s ا S 17**5.os Pari-mutuel: 1st \$6,to: 2nd \$5.to.

5.—THE FLYAWAY STAKES.—Value \$400. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 5 lb t of two Races 7 lb. 1 and of three or more Races to lb, extra. lockeys who have never had a winning mount in either Hongkong, Shanghai Tientsin allowed 5'lb. ,Entrance \$10. Seven

Furlongs. Mr. Oltery's Dart (late Campbor Tree) 10st Mr. John Peel's Garth, 11st 4lb (Laurence) Mesers. Toeg and Speelman's Missouri Jost 916 † ........(Hayes) Messrs. Findlay and Moir's Strathdallas, Inst 4lb .....(Vida)

Mr. H. J. Gedge's Fugitive II., 11st tlb ... Mr. Buxey's Snowflake Rose, 11st 11b \* . (Mackie)

\* sib allowance. † 51b penalty.

pari " paid : 45.70 on Dart for a win.

Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,757.70; and \$502.70;

Pari-muluel: 111 \$10.80; 20d \$6,40; 3rd \$11.50. 6.-THE PHARTON STAKES .- Presented by the Gymkhana Club, Handleap. Value \$500. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Popies that have run at any Gymkhana Meeting or Meetings of the Season 3rd \$999.50. 1908, and Griffins on date of entry. Winners at this Meeting and non-starters barred. Entrance Stol. One Mile and a quarter.

r, Reinbek's Maryland, 11st olb ...(Vida)... Hop. Mr. F. H. May's Astral, rist olb

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie' Waziri Chief, rost rolb Messre. Toeg and Specimen's Desire rost Mr. H. Humphreys' Resignation Idet albin.

Desira led on the fall of the flag from Resignation. Passing the stand for the first time Desire was first by several lengths; Resignation? was after him with Waziri Chief and Maryland in company following. Astral brought up the rear. Desiré led by several lengths going up the hill. Astral now spurted and racing up with Maryland took second and third places, respectively. For a while Astral had the command which he was called upon to surrender. Mr. H. Gibbon Moore's Lyemun, tost tolb! to Maryland. The leader cantered home an easy winner from Astral second and Waziri Chief third. Desire was last,

Time; 2.42 2/5. Winnert \$11,80. Cash Sweeps : 1st \$1,502,551 2nd \$419.30 3rd 5314 15. Pari-mutuel: 1st \$6.60; 2nd \$8.65.

-THE GOVERNOR'S CUP .- Presented by His Excellency Sir F. J. D. Lugard, R.C.M.G. C.B., D.S.O. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1908-1909. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 7 Ib. 1 of two or more Races to Ib. extra.

Entrance Sto. One Mile, Mr. G. Q. Henrique's Grey Back, 11st 11b Admiral Lambton's Kamranb, 11st 11b .... Mr. H. Gibbon Moore's Lyemun, Trat ribin. Mr. Douglas' Bluslacket II. Hat olb\*..... Mr. C. H. Ross' Ban Alder, 11st alb ..... Mr. Humphreys' Mummery 10st 12lb..... (Humphreys) p \$252.00, Mr. Ottory's Torridge, tost 1216.,. ([ones) o Pari-mutuel: 141 \$28.70; 2nd \$14.70; 3rd Mr. Buxey's Little Dot Rose, Hat 2167 .....

Mesers. Findley and Moir's Strathmill, 11st Mr. Smith's Graystone, rest 11b' ... (Morris): Mr. Macdopald's Highland Laddie, Jost 12lb..... (Hickman) o Mr. Moregold's Backstay, 11st 11lbt (Vida) # 11b overweight,

of 71b penalty. The 1 tolb penalty,

Torridge led away at the start from Backstay. The leader kept his position until the Rock when Kamranh made a rush for the premier position which he wrested from Backstay nearing the Village bend. Backsley dropped on the Amur and of Y34,600 on the Delega. away, Grey Back new showed up well and The room was diled with prospective bidders or Parlemutuels set \$6.50 | and \$7,701 3rd \$20.90, drew level with the loader in the short stretch curiosity-scokers, including 120ms fortiers p 4-THE LADIES PURSE -- Presented \$250 home. Between the two there was a fine race and Chinese, but no bids were made. added. Second to receive \$150; and Third which Kamranh; the favourite, lost to Oray It is stated that another attempt to sell the 171. For China Poples, Weight for inches Back | Lyamun was third. Strathmill at an ships will be made within the part two weeks de par scale. Winners at this Meeting other mary stage of the race made straight for the and that the reserve prices will scobeling be then Subseription Griffine | Watten, Josheys Bowrington Gate and breaking through the feducad

rail unseated his ridder (Seth) whe soon picked bimseli un. Time: 2.00.

Winner : \$35.90. Cash Sweeps: 1st .\$1,575.00 1 2nd \$450.00 3rd 5224.00.

Pari-mutuel: 1st \$9.50; 2nd \$6.10; rd \$9.20 8.-THE CONSOLATION STAKES. -A SWREDstakes of \$10 each with \$200 added. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies that have rup and not won at this. Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have mover had a winning mount in either Honzkong, Shanghai or Tiantsin allowed 5 lb. Three quarters of A

Messrs, Toog and Speelman's Pel-ho, tost Mr. Buxey's York Rose, tost 12lb ... (Mackle) a Mr. Dryasilust's Coxcomb, fost ralb

Mr. Olympia's Poseidon, tost 12lb (Jordan) . o Mr. John Peel's Garth, 1 tst 415 ... (Laurence) Mr. Olympia's Achilles, 11st 4lb ... (Schoorr) 0 Lieut. Leeson's Soudan, rost rolb \* (Oliver) G Messrs, Toeg and Specimen's Double Zero, Mr. Boxey's Celia Rose, rest rib.....(Vida) 30

. Sib allowance.

A fine race between Coxcomb, the leader. York Rose and Pei-ho resulted in a win by about a length for Pei-ho. The second and Time: 1.32 1/5.... Winner: \$18.80.

Cash Sweeps; 1st \$1,477.35; and \$422.10; 3rd \$111.05.

Pari-mutuel: 1st \$8.00 , 2nd \$21.30 ; 3rd \$8.40. 9.—THE CHAMPION STARES.—With \$750 added. Second to receive \$250; and Third \$150. For China Popies, Winners at this Meeting only. A forced entry. Entrance. \$20. Winners of two Races \$30; of three or more Races \$50. Weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a quarter.

Mr. Buxey's Little Gem Rose, tost ralbs. Messrs. Toog and Speciman's Suilej, 11st 4lb (Hayes) 2 Mr. John Peel's Fernie, tost 121b (Gresson) 3.

Mr. John Peel's Heraldic, tost 12lb., Mr. Buxey's Spring Rose, 11st 1lb (Dupree) Messrs. Findley and Moir's Giesler, rost olb

Messrs. Findlay and Moir's Seafoam, rosti... c 12lb .....([ones] o Buxey started two candidates for the Champions, so did Messis. Findley and Moir and John Peel, while Toeg and Speelman had a single representative. Backers staked beavily. on the Derby winner. Little Gem Rose was held back throughout the day for the main event. He was the first to put in an appearance Six ponies entered, and the result proved the followed by Findlay and Moirs pair, then surprise of the day. Garth was on the rails and John Peel's, and lastly Sutled. Following his Strathdallas outside: Garth and Missouri went | practice Burkill walked Little Gem Rose as far away in company at the start, Fugitive II, as the village end from the gate and then put keeping to the rear. By the Football Stand him to a sharp trot back to the Club Lusitano Dart went to the front followed by Missouri bend, and then walked leisurely up to the and Strathdallas in the order named. Snow- starting post. There was one false start. Spring flake Rose was fourth Dart led down the in- Rose gave a little trouble. When the flag fell cline into the village bend, and, hugging the he jumped to the front to do the pacing for rails, made the best of his good position, his stable companion. Gem Rose follow-Snowflake Rose worked up into third posi- ing was pursued by Ewo's best, Fernie. tion with Missouti in front of him. Laurence, The order past the Judge's Box on the first using the whip, brought Garth level with tound was Giesler first, Spring Rose second, Missouri sacing home as hard as they could, theraldic third and Seafoam last. At the bot-Datt's position was safe enough as there tom of the incline Spring Rose began to fall was but a short distance to cover before away and Fernie shot to the front, but acceptreaching the post. Dart won by a length from | ing no chances Burkill called upon Little Gem Ewo's Garth, Missouri losing the second place Rose who, answering in grand-style, wentby only a head. Fugitive II. was last. The shead with the greatest case and securely held to the premierable without being dangerously threatened, Sutle coming out of the bunch displaced Fernie for second place. Little Gem Rose cantered in amidst vociferous chears from the spectators. Sutlej was second, and

Time: 2,36 3/5.

Winner: \$7,00. Cash Sweeps; tet \$6,996.50; and \$1,999.00; Pari-mutuel: 1st \$6.10; and \$12,60; 3rd

Fernie third, Heraldic finished fourth and Sea-

10 .- THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES .- A Sweepstakes of \$10 with \$200 added. Winper to receive 70 per cent. | Second 20 per cent, and Third to per cent, For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Sesson 1908-1909 that have run and not won at this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. jockeys who have never had a winning mount in either Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Five Furlongs.

Mr. Humphreys' Mummery 10st 12lb..... Mr. F. C. R. Studd's Butcher, tost ralb.....

desers. Toeg and Speelman's Gunduck, ilon, P. G. Scarlett's White Knight, fost 71bf Mr. Wheeley's Pip, 10st 13lbt .. .

Mr. J. 8, Sill's Gambler, rost rolb Mr. Macdonald's Highland Luddie, Hist. 71b\* .....(Gegg). 0 Mr. Elbee's Regret, 10st 13lb...(Balderston) 0 Mr. Humphreys' Sir Joseph'i ist, 11b (Vids) b Mr. Olympia's Hippomedon, 10st 12lb .....

Admiral Lambton's Kamranh, rost rolb t Mr. E. B. Chichester's Jack Straw fost, 1316 Mr. Wayfoong's Constant tost 41bf (Morris) o Mr. Olympia's Heracles, tost 131b (Jordan) .o Mr. Seth's Little Nemo, 10st 13lbl (Seth) .... D Mr. Christiani's Droschkengaul, rost tolbi... (Potterson) o

\*9lb overweight, † 51b allowance.

I lib overweight, The large field of seventeen poples statted for the Nil Desperandum Stakes-the last race (Hansen) o of the day. It ended in a win for Mummary. Time: 1.18 1/5. Winner: \$108.60.

Cash Sweeps; 1st ,51,7641 and 55 4.00 | 3rd

ATTACHED ROSSIAN STEAMERS. AN ABORTIVE AUCTION.

In the Bailiff's room of the Nagasaki Ku Salbansho, on the 5th instant, the Russian steamore Amur and Dalepr were offered for sale by public auction, but without resulting Mr. Yamamoto, a Court balliff, was in charge of the proceedings. Before opening the auction, says the Nagasaki Press, he autiquaced that a reserve price of Yad, 500 had been placed

POCK CO. ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the board of directors of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, to the ordinary yearly, meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the company, Queen's Buildings, on Monday, the

22nd inst., at 12 o'clock noon reads :--Gentlemen,-The directors have now submit to you their report, with a statement of accounts for the half-year ended 31st Decem-

The net profit for the six months, after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to ......\$261,981.5 to which has to be added the balance

brought forward from last Account 384,847.24

and from this have to be deducted :-Directors' fees .....\$10,000.00-Auditors' fees ...... 750.00

leaving available for appropriation\$636,078.77 The directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 8',/" or \$200,000 be paid

to shareholders, that \$21,000 be passed to a special account (No. 1 Dock Extension), that \$3,000 be written from the value of Cosmopolitan Docks, \$25,000 from the floating plant and the balance \$387,078.77 be carried to the new account,

under review were all completed and having motionless. passed satisfactory trials were duly accepted; the contract for building a new steel wharf for the Hongkong & Godown Co. is well in hand and most of the material on the ground or in the shops.

We were entrusted with the building of five steel caissons for bridge foundations for the Canton-Kowloon Kailway; one was delivered in 1908, and the others are nearly finished. The only new vessels in hand are two small

launches on stock at Cosmopolitan Dock and a launch for harbour use at Kowloon Dock we have had several inquiries during the year but nothing has so far resulted. The boiler-shop extension at Kowloon

practically completed with the exception of an overhead electric crane now on order; the other extensions are well advanced. The dredger has not been employed during the half-year except for a few days on our own

account in connection with the new wharf at DIRECTORS The Hon, Mr. Henry Keswick, Mr. A. Fuchs

and Mr. G. H. Medhurst having resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, the Hon. Mr. W. I. Gresson, Mr. C. G. R. Brodersen and Mr. Edgar G. Barrett were invited to join the Board in their places and these appointments now re--quire confirmation.

Mr. C. G. R. Brodersen having died, Mr. H A. Slobs has been levited to fill the vacancy, and his appointment now requires confirmation. In accordance with clauses 78 and 85 of the articles of the association, Mr. G. Friesland and-Mr. D. W. Craddock retire by rotation but

offer themselves for re-election. The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson has been elected Chairman for the year 1909. AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. H U. Jeffries and Mr. H. Percy Smith, F. C. A. The Directors, recommend Messes, Jeffries and Percy Smith for re-election.

W. J. GRESSON. Chairman.

Hongkoog, 15th February, 1909.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1908. Capital 50,000 shares of \$50 each. fully paid up 2...... \$2,500,000,00 No. 1 Dock extension account ... Marino insurance account ...... Balance of profit brought forward from last a/c' 384,847.24

Profit for the half-year ending December 318t, 1908..... 261,981.53

\$5,276,592.8 Aberdeen. Value of Aberdeen Docks, as per

Kowloon, Value of Kowloon Docks as per last statement ... \$2,575,820.00 Less amount since written officeren 05,810.00

2,510,000,00 Amount paid on account of boiler shop extension,

shed, shipyard extension, fire apgine and wrecking store and additions to yard plant, ..... 2,546,927.00 No. I Dock extension Account.

Amount paid as per. last statement ... 87,791.78 Amount, expended . during six months 1st July to 31st December, 1908 12,445.81 100,237.00 Cosmopolitan.

-Value of Cosmopolitan · Dock, as per last statément..... 307,002.95 Less amount sircs written off Value of tugs, dredgers, launches 505,282,80 and lighters: Sundry debtors ..... Value of material expended on

work in progress 121,371.47 Value of material on hand ...... 1,298,894.60 1,420,266.07

REVENUE ACCOUNT 318T DECEMBER, 1908. To amount paid 6 months reconstructing calsson No. 3 Dock. and repairing docks, slips and buildings after typhoon of July 1908 ......

To crown reat To fire insurance To coffice expenses, "salaries," sta-To talegrams ................................. To marine insurance account......

things, as already stated, were left untouched. The matter has been reported to the Police. but circumstances would seem to indicate that there is no likelihood of the missing valuables

-A GOVERNOR'S SUICIDE.

DETAILS OF DEATH OF M. BONHOURE.

OFFICIALS UNAWARE OF SHOOTING TRAGEDY

Early in the morning of January 30, the news spread throughout Saigon that M. Bonhoure, the Lieutenant Governor of Cochin-China, had committed suicide. Crowds flocked to Government House to find the sad news confirmed, and a reporter interviewed M. Outroy, a high official, whom he met in the deceased's office.

M. Outroy told the pressman how he had been invited to dinner, by M. Bonhours the previous evening, along with two other gentlemen. The dinner lasted till 10.30, and was a pleasant function, M. Bonhoure being in good humour and not showing the least sign who investigated the case refused to convict on of being low-spirited or depressed in mind.

When the guests took leave, the Governor ! invited M. Outrey to come again in two days! time. On the next morning, at 8.30, M. Outroy | ing the greater share of blame on an Assistant beard of M. Bonhoure's suicide. .

... .. COUNCILLORS WAITING. The members of the Executive Council arrived at Government House that morning at o'clock, and were astonished at not seeing the Governor. A meeting of the Council had been fixed for that hour to be presided over by His Excellency. Thinking that H.E. was slightly unwell, they waited. Half an hour clapsed but the Governor did not come. One of the members feeling uneasy, went to the Governor's The new vessels in hand during the half-year | room and found him stretched out on the

He tried to arouse him and, to his horror, found M. Bonhoure dead. He rushed out and met another member of the Executive Council. who accompanied him back to the death chamber. It was only on this second visit that was found that death was due to suicide. A revolver lay on the bed, and the Governor

bore a gaping wound in one temple... All this time, the other members of the Executive Council were wondering what could have caused the Governor's absence. The news of his death quite stunned them. medical examination showed that the Governor must have shot himself about midnight.

The strangest thing of all, said M. Outrey, was that nobody in the house or near it heard the least sound suggesting anything unusual, SCENE IN BEDROOM.

M. Outrey himself, who had a room on the premises, did not hear aby unusual sound that night. But he returned to his room about 11.30. In his opinion, M. Bonhoure had taken his life before that hour.

The reporter, who represented the Saigon' Opinion, then went to the death chamber. The Governor's corpse lay on a bed which had been made in Hongkong. The head was turned to one side, and the arms were stretched alongside the body.

The bullet had pierced the right temple, and a thin streak of blood stained the bed. The revolver lay near the head, pointed to the right also. It was an ordinary army pistol.

By that time, a number of officials had reached the room, including some law officers The reporter then questioned M. Outrey and the law officers about the causes of the suicide. but they could give no reason. They had found, however, M. Bonhoure's will and a diary. It seemed that M. Bonhoure kept a diary dealing scene of his new duties another shifting Leargo ashore, and a Malay boatman was with his private affairs. Every day he jotted

bore date Tanuary 28. M. Outrey and the law officers glanced at the entries for the whole of January, but could find nothing to account for the suicide.

FUNHRAL.

All they knew was that the Governor, of late, had severe trouble from acute neurasthenia. I was probably during an acuter fit than usual that he took his life.

Another conjecture was that the European mail which arrived on the fatal day had brought him bad news, -A-medical-examination-of-the-body-certified death to be from a revolver shot through the

brain where the builet lodged. Crowds visited Government House all that

M. Bonhoure was born at Nimes in France 646,828.77 in 1854, and began his career in the Civil Ser vice in Tonkin in 1891. He served next on the Guinea Coast, at Cayenne, the Somal Coast, and Martinique. From there he was transferred back to Indo-China in 1907. H bore an unbiemished record of service:

The burial took place on February 1. About 20,000 persons attended. Heaps of flowers covered the coffin, which was let down into the grave amid the sound of cannon.

Strong ladverse comment was aroused by the fact that the Bishop of Saigon was no present at the funeral. Church and State are not yet separated in Cochin-China, remarks the Opinion. The Bishop is still functionary and, as such, have attended the funeral of his official chief, without any thought what might have been the latter's political and

religious opinions. Speeches were delivered at the grave by two higher officials, the Mayor of Saigon, and by law officer.

... The latter spoke in the name of the Masonic lodges in the Colony, and dwelt upon the high character of the deceased, and his eminence as a Mason,-Straits Times.

ROBBERY AT CARLTON HOTEL.

CLEVER BURGLAR LEAVES NO TRACE.

Particulars of a very ingenious burglary which was committed last night at the picmises of the new Carlton Hotel have been placed at our disposal. According to the story. day. which has been courteously supplied to us, would appear that sometime last night (the entereds into by some ne'er-do-well-or more than one person of that kidney for a matter of that-for investigation purposes. The theory brought forward is that the robber gained access into the room by means of the verandah. Being satisfied that there was no one to disturb him in his midnight depredations, and evidently imagining that the others had tasted not wisely but too well under the happy influences of Happy Valley, the thief started to see what 5,276,592.87. could be got as a reward for his visit, when his greedy vision fell on a gold watch and chain lo-round pouches. Both artillery instructors and a wrist-strap on the mantel-piece. Without waiting to answer to the calls of conscience -for the very simple reason that he had nonehe gently appropriated the valuable articles.

and without waiting for further aggrandizement-for our hero, be it said to his credit, was unselfish—he decamped the quietly as he came, not before, however, adding a pair of trousers to his booty from another room. On waking up in the morning, the victionary and rest of head office,... 30,633.44 | (Im of the robbery proceeded to look at the time, when he received a rude shock by discovering that the watch had mysteriously disappeared! On further investigations, a wriststrap was also found to be missing. The other

a fortalght old

DROWNING PATALITY. Excepting the downfall of Yuan Shib-kai

nothing more conspicuous has happened during the present reign than the cashiering of Chen Pi, late President of the Ministry of Posts and Communications. The two events are, of course, in no way comparable. Scarcely an effort has been made to veil the fact that personal animus prompted Yuan Shih-kal's overthrow; and the utmost that may be hoped of it is that it will not prove a deterrent to any fulfilment of the much-promised reforms. But the downfall of Chen Pi would appear to be a simple act of justice, the one tangible outcome yet youchsafed from the maze of appeals, warnings and threats. The swiftness with which condemnation has followed on impeachment is in itself remarkable. It is true that Grand Secretaries Sun Chai-nai and Na Tung the graver charges of bribery and misapproprintion of foreign loan; and some attempt was made to save the fallen Minister's face by lay-

Secretary in the Minister of the Interior But his guilt, or maladministration, was enough to warrant his being dismissed from office, while three chief understrappers, including the Assistant Secretary, elready mentioned, have shared in his disgrace, In short, the North China Daily News observes, we are to suppose that a clean sweep has been made and that the Yuchuanpu starts on a new basis. . In that event it is to be hoped that we have heard the last, of the proposal, originating, if we remember rightly, with Chen Pi himself, to cut the Post Office adrift. from the Imperial Customs. It is not disputed that the postal service of China has made con-

siderable strides in recent years and may be regarded as a sound organization. But it is scarcely in a condition as yet to stand alone without the guarantee implied in its relationship to the Customs; while in any case it is still indebted to the latter for loans contracted while it was still an infant, and a very struggling industry. Uphappily for the hopes that might have been founded upon the cleausing of the Yuchusonu, we are now confronted with another of those too familiar re-shufflings of high officials

THE DISMISSAL OF CHEN PI.

which are apt to recall the vague manceuvres of a beginner at the game of patience. The Ministry of Posts and Communications is, in itself, a notable example of the evils of perpetual changing and since the condemnation of Chen Pi must have been intended quite as much for a terror to evil-doers in general as for any other purpose, it should have been possible to leave Li Tien-lin in charge as Acting President, on the chance of his proving himself worthy for substantive appointment, without calling up his Excellency Hau Shih-chang from Manchuria. Two important vice-royalties are thus disturbed for the sake of a Ministry which certainly in other countries, takes a secondary place among state departments. The fact that Hsu is well known to all who are accustomed to Shih-chang may be reckoned among the promising administrators (albeit he would appear, lately, to have been somewhat has dicapped by

Viceroy Hai Linng, now chosen to succeed to Manchufia, has done undoubtedly excellent work in the Yunkues provinces, is the last reason for removing them from posts of except to regain it when hurled off by the waves. N tional difficulties. It is possible, of course, Davis and Dr. Leicester had just come off safethat in the weeks or months that must ly to the Hye Leong in the same boat, but it chapse before; either Viceroy can reach the had been upset only a week before when taking gound will have been appounced to replace both I drowned. Two years ago, Mr. Da Silva was down his thoughts and ideas. The last entry officials in their old yamens. But the im- drowned in a similar way on the same spot. It mediate effect of the decree of February 9, is lis felt by those who travel up the East Coast of discouraging, if it be not actually unsettling, a the Peninsula that Government ought to supply wearisome repetition of the methods of what, it | a lifeboat, especially for the safe carriage of the had been hoped, were bygone days; and in | mails, bothat this and other ports. It is sumourthis respect it materially weakens the force, of | ed that one is to be supplied at Kuantan, wherethat carnest appeal from the Prince Regent to it is little needed, as vessels go alongside, and Ministers and Governors, which we read a day it is said that there was an appropriation for or two ago, to govern worthily, to shun favourit. I another in the present F.M.S. budget but it ism and to appoint fit men to be their lieuten- | was struck out in the great demand for econo-

auts, If the Prince Regent's ambitions can be my. The native surf boats are made of changgauged by his words, no object is more pre- hai wood and are very heavy, so that when fillcious to him than the subordination of corrup. ed with water they quickly sink. tible provincials to a well-ordered capital and the union of all parts of China-in-pure-governe-|-narrow-an-escape on Sunday last owe their ment. Within the last few weeks we have lives to the fact that their boat was completely been told of the control to be given to the overturned and a cushion of air inside kept against sales of official rank; of commands special buoys to facilitate in their recovery to Peking. These are the ideals. The actual practice"is sufficiently illustrated by the correspondent who takes us to task to-day on the

subject of likin on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway. As he very rightly points out; "It is contrary to Treaty to impose any additional dues or duties whatsoever" upon duty-paid imports conveyed from one Treaty port to another. Unfortunately, the stipulations of Treaty in this respect have been more honoured in the breach than the observance, as for instance when the the provincial authorities considered themselves entitled to differentiate between ships and railway transport for the purposes of likin. The agitation against this illegal inter-

pretation has been continued for years; and although the word "concession" was too loosaly employed in such a connection, the recent exemptions constitute the first piece of solid satisfaction that has been obtained." It is to be hoped that they will prove an earnest of yet better things to come; in which case the rail ways can scarcely deserve more congratulathen the Central Government.

VOLUNTEER CORPS ORDERS. ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY UNITS.

Parade:-At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, the 22nd, Tuesday, the 23rd, and Wednesday, the 24th instant, for Maxim gun Sergt: Moore will attend on Monday and Wednesday and Sergh Eveleigh on Toes-

TAIKOO DETACHMENT. Parade:-At Quarry Bay at 5.30 p.m. on exact time is not known) room No. 34 was Thursday, the 25th instant, for Gun Drill. Sorgt, Evoleigh will attend.

ENGINEER COMPANY. Parado:-At West fort, Kowloon, at 6 p.m. Wednesday, the 24th instant, for technical

GASCOIGNE SHIELD COMPETITION. Artillery and Infantry Units. Parade:-At Tai Hang Range near: 600 yards firing point at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday. 27th February, Dress:-Khaki and putties. service dress cap, rifle and sidearms and two

will attend. BLAKE SHIELD COMPETITION. The following is the result of the above competition which was carried out 'at King's Park Range on Saturday, the 6th instant:--No. 2 Company: .. 648 No. 3 Company: 1.63

No. 4 Company...639 No. 1 Company 7,536 PROMOTION. Corporal T. Grimshaw is promoted to sergeant with effect from 16th inst.

RESIGNED. Gunner J. H. Penfold is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony with effect from the 13th

There will be an auction of the papers and magazines for the present year at headquarters ! on Mondey, 22nd instant, at 6.15 p.m. Ppr-| chasers will be able to take away their papers

NARROW ESCAPE OF EUROPEANS AT LKUALA PAHANG.

The Straits Steamship Company's steamer Hyo Lyong returned from Pahang, this morning, and full particulars of the fatality at Kuala Pahang are available, says the Straits Times of 11th inst. The number of persons drowned was correctly given by the first reports brought by the Flere, but there was a mistake in their identity, the European Police Inspector, Mr. Neil, having been saved. The two men who | Mody, D. G., Chaplain. The Lodge were drowned were his Malay Sergeant and a

engers, mails and cargo, when Captain Morrell noticed that the sail of the bout was no and Rana Baldevii- of Dharampore, but longer to be seen. He hurriedly summoned the crew of a cargo boat which was alongside | singji of Palitana who, to mark his admission to put to the assistance of the overturned craft. and another similar boat was seen putting off from the shore. The passengers who were the act of going ashore were Mr. Charter, of the Forest Department, F.M.S. Government, Inspector Neal; Armourer, F.M.S. Government, who was on a tour of inspection of the arms of the Pahang police, two police subordinates and a Japanese passenger. The boat also contained three bags of mail and a postal packet.

CLINGING TO UPTURNED BOAT. The boat from the shore and the one from the Hye Loong reached the overturned craft at almost the same moment, and found the crew and three of the passengers desperately clinging on to her bottom. Inspector Neal was in an exhausted condition, but the others seemed little the worse for their experience. The Malay Sergeant and the Japanese passenger were nowhere to be seen, but were last seen clinging logether.

It is believed that the Japanese hung on to the sergeant, who was unable to save himself and his burden, chiefly because of the heavy boots he was wearing. At last accounts the bodies had not been recovered. The survivors were taken on board the rescuing boats with considerable difficulty, but reached shore all right, and had fully recovered by next morning, when Inspecter Neal proceeded overland on foot to Kuantan," where he overtook the Hye Leong, returning by her, this morning. The mails and all the personal effects of the passengers were lost.

COINCIDENCE. The sea was unusually rough at the time of the accident, especially on the bar, where the fatalities occurred. The boat was in charge of Bujang, the senior boatman of the place, who

visit Kuala Pahang. The survivors are loud in his praises, saying I that he yelled to his crew, when the the boat the loss of Governor Tang Shao-yi), and that | upset, to save the Europeans, and himself set the example by helping Inspector Neal on to I the hull of the boat twice, when his exhausted candition made it impossible to hold on and

The two European gentlemen who had so Ministry of Finance over the salt taxes of the affoat, so long as it remained in that position. Empire; of the appointment of provincial offi- It is also suggested that the mails at such cers by the Regent himself; of the prohibition | dangerous spots should be provided with issued to every province to submit its budget | they are thrown into the sea as is done in some l other parts of the world.

PARI-MUTUEL IN IAPAN. A STORMY MEETING.

Tokyo, Feb. 1 A sub-committee appointed by the Petition Committee to investigate the petition brough by the associated horse-racing clubs asking for redress for the loss sustained by them on account of the precipitate prohibition of the parimutuel met to-day at 1.20 p m.

Dealing with this question, General Viscount Teranchi, Minister for War, as President of the Stud Bureau, explained the action taken by the Government. 'He said that in Japan people' took much less interest in horses than in Europe and America. In consequence the improvement of the breed of horses was confined to theoretical discussions and little was achieved in practice. The Government, considering it advisable to encourage the public to take more interest in horses and thus promote the improvement of horse breeding, permitted the establishment of race-courses as being most suitable for the purpose in view, the racing clubs being allowed to operate the pari-mutuel in connection with the races.

visited the Navuo race-course on May 25th last into operation.

Notwithstanding the number of questions, the bulk were ignored. General Terauchimerely replied that the Government had not considered any proposal to grant compensation to the racing clubs.

Mr. Tujimoto Motoro, member for Osaka-fu. rose in indignation, and said that the prohibition of the pari-mutuel; was a piece of work on the part of the present Ministry for which the Hopse and the public in general ought to be deeply grateful. If further objection was raised to the action taken by the Government, all the malpractices, and irregularities, of which, the This statement / caused > great : excitement

MR. MODY IN BOMBAY,

ANOTHER CHARITABLE DONATION.

We have received from an old subscriber in Bombay and a former resident of Hongkong, a copy of the Bombay Gazette of the 20th ult. from which we extract the following :--

The installation meeting took place at the Freemason's Hall on Monday of Lodge " Eas. tern Star." No. 1189 E.C., when Mr. Kaikobad now assured that the ancestral tomb would not Cowasil Adenwalla was installed in the chair by the retiring Master Mr. Merwanji H. N. honoured by an official visit of the District Japanese deck passenger whose name is un- Grand Lodge. During Mr. Mody's Master ship the Lodge has made much progress; The Hye Leong was at anchor off the bar, I membership having increased as also its funds. and preparations were being made for her | The roll of membership in the past has includdeparture, at noon on Sunday, the passen- l'ed many of the Ruling Chiels of India and gers having just left the vessel in one of scions of ruling families in Western India. the native surf boats commonly used at Death has removed from the roll the Kuala Pahang for taking ashore the page- | name of H. H. Wor. Bro. Sir, Jaswatsinji Fatteringji, K.C.I.E., Thakur Saheb af Limbo new member of the year was Prince Vijay to the fraternity, made a donation of Rs. 1,000 to found a charity fund. Another fund w founded by Mr. Dinshaw Dorabji Mistri has completed forty years, attachment to the Lodge and marked the event with a donation of Rs. 500, to which was added a similar amount by the Lodge to found a charity fund in his name, while yet a third fund was created by a donation from Mr. Hormuiji Navreji Mody of China, a well-known Mason and father of the retiring Master, the donation being given to mark his appreciation of the honour done to his son. Few Lodges in India, if any perhaps, show such a satisfactory balance sheet as Lodge "Eastern Star," which, during Mr. Mody's Mastership, increased its charity funds from Rs. 14,595 to, Rs. 16,994 with a total fund ef Rs. 16,828. During the evening Mr. Mody who has been ill for some months, was congratulated on his partial recovery and on his pluck at taking on the heavy work of the evening. Alpresentation of Past Masters' lewels and Regalia to Messis, M. D. Dadysett and P. B. Jeejeebhoy and the Secretary's Jewel to Mr. Palionji N. Daver, was also made during the evening. Subsequently, at the banquet, an excellent programme of music was rendered by a portion of H.E. the Governor's band.

THE " GEISHA.

LITTLE MITES CHARM NAVAL AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES.

Owing to pressure of space, we were unable to publish a report of the private performance of the 'Geisha" given by the Portuguese Lilliputians on Saturday night in honour of H. E. Vica-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton K.C.B., the Officers of the British Army and Navy and the Officers of the visiting ship Patria lu our last issue. To put it briefly the proceedings on Saturday night did not fall far short of the most cherished traditions of the Scottish tace so far as good fellowship and unbounded hospitality are concerned. To say that the production of the pretty musical comedy was a success will not sufficiently convey the idea of the pleasure which the distinguished audience must have undoubtedly felt on Saturday night. This i p oved by the numerous encores which were demanded by auditors who were, to take the most charitable view of it, inconsiderate, which was perhaps pardonable. At one time it looked as if the strain on their little throats was really too much for them, but happily, they came out of the ordeal with the highest credit to their youthful ability and to the painstaking efforts was entrusted. It would be superfluous to satellites together. detail each individual performance, as this has already been done before on the occasion of the original production. Suffice it to say that the title-rôle was filled by Miss Camilla Castro with greater success than before, Miss Elfrida Osmund as Mollie Scamore captivated the audience by her charming singing and dancing and Master Henrique Lopes as the money-grabbing Wun Hi kept his hearers in constant merri ment by his clever witticisms and his woird dance in the second part was particularly appreciated. The other performers ably supported the principals. A feature of the evening were the allusions to Admiral Lambton and the other Officers present, which highly amused those in the auditorium. During the evening, the performance concluded, the appreciative

floral tributes and sweets were many and when | powder and carridges. audience insisted on repeatedly having a last stern-wheeler, and killed a missionary-all by look at the heroes of the evening, the curtain having to be raised reveral times before the gathering finally dispersed, with lingerin hopes for a repetition of a most enjoyable func-

CRACKER CATASTROPHE. · SHOCKING AFFAIR IN SINGAFORE,

A shocking accident occurred in China-town on Friday night, during the course of the cracker firing which was practised on that evening, reports the Singapara Free Press of 8th inst. It is a common costem not only to let off crackers in the streets, but to throw them into the streets from the houses, and as a. rule very little harm is ever done, Unfortunately in this case the injuries caused have resulted in two deaths.

It appears that on the night in quescourse the parl-mutuel was a bad thing, but it I tion, when the firing was at its height, a young was tolerated in view of the necessity for im- Keh, named Wong Chin Long, a member proving the breed of horses. Accordingly a of a Keh family who cam a livelihood by number of racing clubs were established. Un. I manufacturing and selling salt, was in his fortunately all sorts of evil resulted from the house No. 12, Cheang Ho Lim Street, parl-mituel. Warnings were given to the I firing crackers. There was a large quantity of clubs after the spring race meeting of last the fireworks in the room, and the young fellow year, despite ,which the evils increased in | took up one lot, lighted it and threw it out into | the autumn, In October last the new Cri- the street. The bundle fell to the ground, and, preservers. But some merchants and efficiels mind Code came into operation, which it is said, was promptly picked up by a young neglected the summons. A nephew of one of makes all gambling a criminal offence, and the Hokkien, a member of a family of barbers who the Grand-Councillors has disappeared, owing, pari-mutual was consequently prohibited. The live in the same street, and tossed back into it is believed, to his inaction. Piracy was, of principal cause of the probibition was failure | the Keh's room. -Here the bundle, which was on the part of the racing clubs to profit by the not of dangerous proportion itself, fell amongst warnings of the Government. In short, the the stock of crackers the Kehs had in the room, clubs brought the calamity upon themselves. | and in a minute the interior was a mass of blaz-When the Minister resumed his seat, many ingexplosions, The roomwas small, therewere questions were asked. Among others Mr. no less than seven people in it, three men, two Seki, a Progressist, who is a director of one of women and two children, and the proper exit the racing clubs, asked why the Procurators was a narrow door, and a staircase which was little better than a step ladder, A frightful to examine the parl-mutuel, seeing that on that scene followed. The fireworks exploded all day the new Criminal Code had not yet come cover the place and the frenized immates tried to escape. The room itself caught alight in places. and only desperate efforts on the part of the inmates and friends prevented the house catching fire. When at length the people escaped and the fire was out, two men were found to be shockingly burned, and the women and children also, but not so hadly. They were

taken to hospital for treatment. One man however, died in great agony on Saturday, from his injuries, and another dled | terprising Chinese have formulated a acheme on Sunday. The women and children will

racing clubs were guilty should be disclosed. threw the first gracker, and elso his father. among the members, and the Chairman ad. I fixed. Although the room caught alight in journed the mosting at 1:30 p.m. /open | places the immater were able to extinguish the being issued for the anterprise, which is est flames, and the Brigade were not called out. I pected to be a very picfiable one.

A CHINESE BRIGAND.

THE STORY OF IP BUI WAND.

Hongkong, 17 Dec. When Ip Sul Wang was brought by the stork from a far country to the little village which bordered on the West River, het was wolcomed with great rejoicing, because he was the first-born son; and Ip Wo, his father, was

be neglected. ... Ip Sui Wang did not come into much of an inheritance. All that belonged to the family was a field of paddy (which was periodically flooded in the summer months), and a dug-out, used occasionally to bring passengers from the junks to shore. For this they paid the munificent sum of three cash each, or about the twelfth part of an English penny, just as the money-changers willed it.

In the ordinary course of things, Ip Sa Wang grew up and somehow or another learnt to read the scraps of the Sheung To, or any other paper that came his way. The feature that most appealed to him at that time was the translation of "Deadwood Dick" or "Dead Man's Gulch," which the Chinese editor, resident in Hongkong, represented as real incidents of life in Hongkong. Of course, "Deadwood Dick" appeared under the sobriquet of Chan Tai or Nam Sang, just as the name occurred to him; and the Gulch became Honam or Shun Tak.

AN HEREDITARY PROFESSION.

A big, lusty youth was Ip Sui Wang, and one to be respected, because his father had great hopes of becoming a headman some fine day. There was money in the family some where, though where it came from nobody felt: inclined to ask. It is always best to know. nothing when the magistrate is on tour with his yamen runners and their bamboos. Five hundred soft taps with a willowy bamboo can raise a mountain of flesh, and the cangue is nothing to it. ' So Ip Wo made his expeditions, while his wives and daughters pumped and irrigated the fields, and a more respectable man than lo Wo did not exist.

Meanwhile little Ip became proficient with the bamboo pole-not as a beast of burden carrying loads of paddy for other people, but as a warrior against the clansmen of the next

Old in Wo was carried home in the blackness of night suffering from various wounds and contusions, about which no questions were asked and none offered. He lay under a heap of gunny-bags and lived without so much as breathing. The local "doctor" gave the No. r wife lotions made from indescribable parts of the tiger, and pills the size of fat rolling-pins. When the soldiers came, they were entertained with "samshu," which is twice as heady as bad whisky, and ten times more effective in giving a bibulous one a free passage to the Celestial regions. Ip Wo's wounds festered. One of his legs became numb, but nobody proposed to amputate it, for how would a man. look in heaven with only a leg and a half? So Ip Wo died, and there was much wailing and clanging of cymbals. Even the wooden god that did duty for the family was taken into the village street and mercilessly thrashed for his

THE CHOICE OF A CAREER.

The year that Ip Sui Wang assumed his lordship was disastrous to the village. First. there was a famine, and the Viceroy at Canton had to send up launches with hoge bags of biscuits and rice to relieve the people. Then came the usual floods, more destructive than usual, and Ip Sul Wang, with all his relatives. sat on the roof of the house munching raw grain and ship's biscuits for nearly a week. When the floods began to subside, and everybody saw that they must starve or steal until of those in whose hands the work of training the next crop was due, Ip Sui Wang called his

> Next day the great pawnshop, seven storeys. high, standing out like a baronial fortress. a landmark to the river steamers -which were... officered by a Liverpool captain and a Newcastle mate, along with the usual Glasgow engineer-was lobted. Only a few were killed. and the river being handy, dead and injured were unceremoniously sent adrift. That was

the beginning of the trouble. Ip Sui Wang and his gang made tracks for the Canton delta, and entered a new career. buccaneering and pirating with impunity. For a long time they had no firearms, only stinkpots and swords; but a lucky haul on mi junk which was in the smuggling business provided them with Belgian Mausers and condemated

Then Ip made a mistake, attacked a British mistake and the force of circumstances. Off went the British guoboats to the Pearl River. which leads to Cauton, and the West River. which brings you to the end of the world. In

Sui Wang, however, was gone. AN INSINUATING STYLE!

Just at this time there was another tremendous flood, and the whole country-side was statuing. The Provincial Government sat tight and waited for the Hongkong and Frisco subscriptions. Then came Ip out of his retreat and issued a proclamation. If the Viceroy did not immediately send 100,000 tacls worth of food up country he would find himself in a hornet's nest. If the merchants did not give a fifth of their means they would fied themselves despoiled of their entire possessions. If the Imperial graparies were not opened, they would be looted. If the officials failed to expedite matters, they and their families would regret it. That proclamation was more effectual than a dozen Imperial edicts or Viceregal proclamations.

Junks, launches, gunboats, and even torpedo boats went to the relief. of the people. Even Admiral Li, who is Commander-in-Chief of the navy in South China and the army in Kwangtung and Kwangsi, accompanied the flotilla of life. subsided, so kidnapping is the game now. An obdurate Prefect is resting somewhere in the mountains—so far only an ear has been returned. His ransom is fixed at 20,000 dollars, and it will be paid. Lately two members of a very wealthy family called the Lo's were kidnapped. Everything points to Ip Sui Wang having a hand in the business, and it would be like him if, on receiving the ransoms, he distributed the money among the poor of his pative province.

Is it any wonder that Ip is persona, graid with the common people, that the whole countryside acts as his eyes and ears, and that he even has representatives in Hongkong !-A. W. B. in Morning Leader, se.

IN view of the increasing importance of Hankow as a commercial contre, a number of en-

to open a Chinese public garden at that port apparently get over it, their injuries not being on a similar scale to that of their Chang Bolin's garden in the settlements. A slarge site of The police have arrested the young Keb who 12,000 laug, it is reported, has been abquired for Tis, 75,000, and a further capital of Tis. The inquest on the dead men has not yet been 1 150,000 is meeded to lay it out in buildings. furniture, plants and managerie. Shares are

#### Sugar Duty.

BILL BEFORE THE JAPANESE DIET. HONGKONG SUGAR IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, 27th January. The Committee in the House of Representatives on the Government Bill telating to the reimbursement of Custokis duty on imported Crude sugar.stt al To,a.m., to-d (y, 🖰

.lo view of the important nature of the Bill Mr.: O-oks, Chairman of the Committee, suggested that a verbatim note should be taken of the proceedings, and the meeting unanimously assented:

The proceedings were opened by a speech o Mr. Wakatsuki, Vice-Minister of Finance, on the Bill. The Vice-Minister said that sugar was protected by the Conventional Tariffs, no Custom: duty higher than 10 per cent. ad valorem could be imposed on reflued sugar. The output of crude sugar in Japan was still insufficient to supply all the demands of the sugar-refining mills in the Empire, and crude sugar was imported from Ieva to make good the deficit. Moreover, the crutia sugar produced in Japan was inferior in quality. On the imported crude sugara Customs duty of more than 20 per. cent. was imposed. This placed the sugar refined in Ispan in an awkward position and rendered It difficult to compete against foreign trefined sugar. It was therefore desirable to reimburse the duty on crude sugar imported from Java and thus encourage the Japanese industry. The Government was apxious to supply the demand with c u is sugar produced in Japan, but sugar produced in Formosa had not developed to such an extent as to check the import of foreign sugar. For this reason the Government decided to continue the reimbursement of the duty on sugar until a revision of the treaties.

became available in 1911. Mr. Tomijima, a Yushinkwai membar, said that the Dai Nippon Sugar Refining Company had failed-on-account-of-delinquency, in themanagement. Would the privilege of reimbursement be extended to such a company, and was there any sugar-refining company which was specessful in its business on account of the privilege?

The Vice-Minister of Finance replied that it was necessary to keep this law in force so long as the Japanese continued to use sugar. Mr. Fujisawa, a member for Osaka, asked

why the Government had originally decided that the existing law should not be operative

after 1929. . The Vice-Minister replied that the sugar industry in Formosa was at first estimated to develop to such an extent that the law would be unnecessary by that time. This expectation: had not been realised, and it was now proposed to extend the term of the law. The total annual consumption of sugar in the Empire was about 200,000,000 kin, of which about 110,000,000 kin was imported from abroad. The Customs duty on refined, sugar was 80 sen per 100 kin. while crude sugar imported from Java was subjected to a duty of Y2,25. To produce 100 kin of refined sugar required 116 kin of crude sugar. This disparity of Custome duty between the two qualities of sugar rendered the continuance of the law necessary. The Vice-Minister added that new sugar-refining machinery in Formosa would commence operations this year, and the output of sugar in the Island each year from now was estimated as follows !--

1909 ...... 90,000,000 kin. 1910 ..... 119,000,000 .... IQII ...... 142,000,000 ... 1912 ...... 171,000,000

The consumption of foreign crude sugar was gradually decreasing. According to past experience, the total consumption of sugar in Japan was 172,000,00 kin, of which 144,000,000 kin was produced in this country. Whenever the sugar market advanced in Japan, sugar came in at once from Hongkong.

Mr. Nishimura printed out that the authorities were discriminating in favour of Formosa sugar by imposing a lower duty than was provided by law, which practice he thought im-

The Vice: Minister admitted the practice, and said that the quality of sugar was determined on the basis of the Dutch standard of colour. Some augar was brownish in colour, while other kinds bore a greenish appearance. Where the quality was doubtful, a lower duty was imposed. Last year the Formosan authorities were cautioned on this matter.

Mr. Sato, referring to the wide difference in the rate of excise on sugar,-Y3 on the first quality, Y5 on the second, and Y8 on the third said these differences might afford many onportunities for discrimination. He asked whether the Government saw the necessity of devising a means for determining the quality

with more precision. The Vice-Minister said the Government still failed to find any better method than that adopted. In foreign countries the quality of sugar was determined by the result of chemical analysis, but in Japan more value was placed on colour than on the percentage of pure sugar contained.

the sugar industry of Luchu and Oshima, the sugar-producing centres of Japan, was due to the unfair way in which taxes were imposed, Mr. Sakurl, Director of the Revenue Bureau, replied that the cause was really due to the lack of financial facilities possessed by these

Mr. Akioks thought the slow development in

ielands. The Committee then rose.

JAPANESE CUSTOMS DUTY TO BE INCREASED TO 50 PER CENT.

HEAVY DECREASE IN JAPANESE EXPORT.

Tokyo, 28th January, The Committee on the Bill relating to the reimbursement of Customs duty on sugar resumed its sitting to-day at it a.m.

The proceedings were opened by the reply of Mr. Sakurai, Director of the Revenue Bureau, to the question put the previous day in regard to the quantity of sugar on which the excise was imposed in Formosa, and the amount of excise thereon during the period from April to November last year. Mr. Sav. kurai gave the following figures :-

QUANTITY. AMOUNT OF First quality .....70,000,000 Y3,100,000 Second quality ...30.000,000 175,000 Third quality,...,36,000,000 3 077,000 Fourth quality ... 38,000,000 1,800,000

Mr. Nakagawa Toranosuke, for Tokushima | cars coming and going, and in such a parrow prefecture, said that the authorities appeared to be protecting the Formosan augar industry by The first accident that was averted occurred Imposing excise at a lower rate on sugar pro- a few minutes before the last race had been was the case. A Government delegate on the on to a car which was travelling at the the existing Conventional Tatiff on sugar would I thing could be done to stop him, he stepas Japanese and foreign sugar would be placed lotherwise no one knows what the result would

stated that any discrimination, whatever was too many to mention in detail. Such carelass | Jocs | feeling in favour of that of the of the made in layour of Permosan sugar in the im. conduct is to be cansured.

position of excise. The Government policy in: dealing with the sugar industry was to encourage the production of crude sugarin Formosa, the Luchus, and Oshims, and to (i) supply in raw, material into it the sugar-). Liefining mills in Inpan Proper. Its was doubtful whether the sugar industry in Japan (including Formosa) would develop by 1911 tto. such an extent as to be cap ble of supplying allthe wants of the sugar refining mills in Japan, which consumed 500,000 000 kin of crude sugar. In 1911 the existing foreign Treaties were to be revised, and the Conventional Tariff on sugar of to per cent. would be replaced by 50 per cent, according to the Statutory Import Tariff. and the rate of 85.7 sen per too kin now imposed on imported refined sugar would be increas-

Mr. Nishimura Shintaro, a Progressist, for Tyogo prefecture, wanted to know the amountof excise imposed on sugar shipped from Formosa to Japan Proper, and said it was an opansecret that third quality produced: In- Formosa: was treated as second or first quality in the matter of excise.

"Mr. Hasama, a Secretary in the Formosan" Government, rose to answer. Mr. Nishimura. He said that the Formesan Government haped. to produce in Formose all the sugar reguland in Japan, and were working hard to develop the cultivation of the care and to improve the quality of sugar, as well as the fertiliser used in its cultivation. In Java about 162,000 kin of sagar-cape was produced on one cho of land. while in Formosanat one time the yield was not more than, 45,000 kin. As the result of the improvement made in the method of cultivation the output had now increased to between 65,000 and 70,000 kip, and it was expected to be increased to 120,000 kin. There were many sugar mills in Formosa, but with the exception of the Formosa and Ensuiko Sugar Mills, all the rest; were quite new, have begun the operation of machinery only this years. The sugar industry, in Formosa was only now beginning to grow. This evasion should be shown in imposing the excise,

say more when Mr. Nishimura interrupted and said the answer should be brief and to the point. Mr. Nishimura pointed out that the value of refined sugar exported in 1906 was Y84.000.000, which declined to Y24,000,000 in the following year, and asked what was the

reason of the decrease? Mr. Sakurai, Director of the Ravenue Bureau, replied that the export of sugar to China in 1906 amountd to 70,000,000 kin and in 1907 to 14,000,000 kin. The decrease was chiefly due to the depression of trade between the two

countries and the fluancial situation. Mr. Nishimura said that the Government policy in encouraging the business in the colony was destined to ruin the industry in the homeland, and naked whether the Government did

not think it an inconsistent policy. Mr. Sakurai Director of the Revenue Bureau, replied that there was no inconsistency." The evasion of tax must be strictly 'suppressed, but leniency should be shown in imposing the

The meeting rose at 12 noon. - Japan Chronivio.

PICRPOCKETS AT HAPPY VALLEY.

ALLEGATION AGAINST TWO EUROPEAN

The pickpockets manouvring ground the Happy Valley during the last three days have been successful in pauperising a number of people, mainly Chinese. From the 16th to the 18th inst., no less than half a dozen reports were lodged at various police stations in the Colony by persons who had had their purses stolen and by those whose pockets had been cut and the contents stolen. Altogether it is reported that the fraternity cleared about \$800 during the race meeting. So far only one of the offenders has been arrested, and, the reader will recollect, he was sent to gaol yesterday. The charge against him was that of stealing a purse containing \$10.50 from an Indian on Wednesday.

Becoming emboldened by their success one of the gang went asten further yesterday afternoon. A European lady was seated in a tramcar, holding in her hand a gold chain purse, containing a large sum of money, which rested on her lap. A coolie, who apparently had been following the lady, awaited his opportunity and as soon as the car was put in motion he sprang up on the frot board, wrested the purse from

her hand, and disappeared in the crowd-"Of course," said a police officer in a conversation with a Bongkong Telegraph representative this morning. "most of the stealing is done by new arrivals from Canton. But you will be surprised to hear that we suspect two European women of pickpocketing, too. They are dressed tip-top and look well-to-do, but their presence in the crowd attracts suspicion. We have been watching them for a long while, but I believe they have scented the rat."

The lady whose purse was snatched from her complained to the police, but the chances of arrest and recovery are somewhat remote.

CAMELESS PASSENGERS.

NARROW ESCAPES AT THE HAPPY VALLEY.

That the police during the last three days have had their work cut out in large slices in the matter of regulating the heavy traffic at the race-course and protecting the lives of careless pedestrians who persisted in getting into danger's way cannot be denied, and that the credit should go to them for the able way in which they carried out the task, free from any accidents, nobody

will question. There were, however, a number of persons -Ruropeaus and Chinese alike-who were a source of great trouble to the police, in that they seemed unable to look after themselvesl a few of whom came very nearly, losing their lives. In the words of a police officer:

"They should not be allowed out without a keeper !". Had it not been for the attention paid to these people by the officers two accidents, and no doubt of a serious character, would have occurred yesterday afternoon a the conclusion of the race meeting. As everybody knows, at that time, the traffic is at its highest. Hundreds of people are hurrying home, rickshas dashing here and there, tram-

road the risk run is great. duced in the colony, and asked whether such decided. A European was seen hanging Bill had said, continued Mr. Nakagawa, that ordinary speed. Suddenly, and before anybe repeated in July 1911, and that the import | ped to the ground and staggered on to the ! duty would be raised to to per cent. If this track of an approaching car. Fortunately for were done; there would be no necessity for him, he was grabbed in time by a policeman reimbursing the duty on imported crude sugar, | before he fell and swung clear of the line, on an equal footing; but what would be done have been. In another case a second Eurowhen sugar refining mills were started in For. pean, who was in the act of stepping off a car, acy action or measures calculated to be one mosa and competition ensued between the when another car was but a few yards away, pleasant, to the Japanese. The New , Votk mills in Japan Proper and those in Formose | was by chance stopped in time. The Chinese | Chamber of Commerce has resolved to large a Mr. Sakural, Director of the Revenue I ureau, lalso were great offenders, their escapades being general exhibition for the subordination of

THE CHINA, FIRE-INSURANCE COMPANY LTD

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fortieth ordinary meeting to be held at the company's offices on Thursday, the

Ath March, at 12 o'clock noon, reads: The directors have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of th company's accounts made up to grat Decembe

The balance at credit of working account as a per Alast a report-Add#premis\_since -re--

Deduct mclaims a paid at Deduct return premis.

Balance of profit .....\$358,72365

It is proposed to apportion this sum as: follows: Dividend of \$5 and bonus of " S2 per share on 20,000 To add to extra reserve fund. which will then stand at 5438,668.10 ...... ...... 92,570.35

DIRECTORY."

Bonus to office staff.....

Messrs. A. G. Wood and A. Fuchs, resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, and Messes. of tax must be strictly suppressed, but leniency - J.-W. C., Bonnar and C., Brodersen, ware Appointed to fill the vacancies, and on the re-The Government delegate was proceeding to grettable death of the latter, Mr. H. A. Sieba was asked to occupy the vacant seat. These, appointments require the confirmation of

"Mesers, Bheilim and Friesland ratire by rotation, and, being aligible, offer themselves. for re-election.

Messrs, W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe have gudited the appeared accounts and offer

themselves for re-election, E. BHELLIM. Chairman.

WORKING ACCOUNT. ast lanuary to gist. December, 1908, ... To Charges Account : tent, salgries, legal and

surveyors' fees, taxes, stamps, stationery, &c.\$42,981.23 Directors' and Auditors' focs ... ...... 7,437.50 To Commission Account :-Agents' commissions .. ...........

To Exchange Account :-To Losses Account 1908: -Claims after deduction of resings: To Amount Written Off +-Furniture account...... To Balance ..... 375,341.7 \$642,305

By Premium Accounts'-Premium after deduction of re-in- a By Interest Account:-Amount at credit, including interest due on deposits and investments, &c. ...... 160,619,01

By Transfer Fee Account:-Amount at credit ... BALANCE SHEET.

31st December, 1908. Liabilities. Reserve Fund ...... 1.000.000.00 Extra Reserve Fund ..... Investment Fluctuation Account 32,399,00 Accounts Payable :lividend for 1907 ..... \$160,000.00 Losses outstanding and sundries ...... 96,684.27

Working Account, 1908:-Balance at credit :: ............. 375,3(1/77 \$2,503,093 14·

Cash at Bankers Fixed Deposits at Banks':-Hongkoog & Shanghai' Banking Corpora-Chartered Bank of I., 30,000.00

A. and C. ...... Mercantile Bank of Indle, Ld..... 20,0:0,00 International Banking - Corporation ..... 75,000.00

Investments :--Thinese, Imp. , Govt, R. Bords ........ \$60,835.15 Hongkong Club Dobentures ........ 27,200,00. Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited, Deben.

tures:-..... - **50,700,00**: Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ld. Da. bentures ..... Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ld., Deben,

tures.............. B,472,32; Shanghai Club Dabentures ...... Shares in Public. 200,100 00, Companies ..... Loans on Morigage:-

Hongkong .....\$ 1,467,300.00 On properties in-Shameen, Canton ...,,,...... #\$9,000,00

Furniture Accounts-Office furniture, &c. .. , .... Accounts Receivable: Premia due from agencies, interest due on deposits and invesiments, &c. ......

A. TORIO despatch, of sath inst., says, ... The Legislature of the State of Washington, is reparted to have resolved to postpone indefinitely

OPIUM COMMISSION. OPIUM IN CHINA

The N. C. D. News, of 9th inst. says :- The Commission resumed its sittings at 10:30 yes-

with the opium duestion in China with explanatory remarks as to the sources of information that had been drawn upon,. He reviewed the situation in China generally, and announced that a Supplementary Report, embodying later news, concerning, the anti-opium, movement, etc. would be laid on the table at some future

was presented by Dr. Rössler, and the Netherlands Report by M. de Jonghi The Commission adjourned at 1230 p.m.,

and on se-assembling at 2 p.m. listened to a repost on Siam, presented by Phys Sakdi Sant The reports of other delegations not being ready for presentation that Commission adfourned at 3 p.m. till Wednesday at 10.30 a.m.

OPIUM IN YUNNAM.

equary II. The Provinces of Yunnansham been very energetically dealt, with by the different mandarins and especially by the Vicercy Hsi Liang, writes a corpaspondent in the N. C. D. News, "The measures taken in order to diminish the culture and the use of opium in the Province and:

Proclamations making known to the people at large the Government's decisions, showing 6,155.33 the dangers of smoking oplum and ordering the people not to smoke any more. Lectures \$258,725.68 are given; both; in town and in the country to 1008.—The balance at credit of working ac- that endeand also to strengthen the proclamacount at the close of this year was \$375,341.77. I tions, which were in the flist instance very

> who, could stay until their cure, was completed. Remedies were freely, given to those who proferred treatment at home

> Smokata, warn, registered, as, well as, the ruspitities of opium smoked. Registration of the land where the drug is TOWN

Inspection of opium shops. Six different proclamations were issued, at first allowing two, months, for, the smokers to give up the habit, and one month for the divans to close... That was in July, 1907, In March, another bill gave the same order, but it had to: be carried out at .once. "If not, confiscation. and chastisement will follow." On April 19, 1908, there was a new proclamation giving three manths' respite. One finds in the cyldence, of procrastination, and, of the habit of. Chinese never to tettle anything,

The refuges gave good results, and during the first month-as-many as aco people were treated. But that number decreased quickly. The treatment was supposed to last 15 days. A police officer went into every house and wrote down particulars of what he was told about the number of smokers and the quantities-of opium smoked. This had no effect whatever on the people, who gave any number they liked. The registration of land frightened the cultivators very much, but results were far from securate. Inspection of the opium shops

was received calmly. Everybody approved of the proclamations and one could see the man in the street nodding, their heads while reading them, their yellow faces showing signs of terrible fright of the effects of opium as depicted on the posters, Except about 400 men treated in the infirmaries, the:15,000 or 20,000 others went on smoking as if nothing had happened. Even now it seems difficult to walk in town without seeing in the open shops one or, two smokers undisturbed by the poise in the street, and one may notice policemen quietly leaving an opium shop and furlively going to the street corper where . they are on duty. Notwithstanding all this, a great number of pipes and lamps have been nailed to the gates of the lown and to the walls

of some yamens. In the country, however, the effects of opinmprohibition have been much more thorough than in town, and many cultivators davostopped growing the poppy. In the north of the plain of Yunnausen, culture has been brought to an end. In the other parts of the province, the Viceroy, in a report to the Throne dated March 22, acknowledges a diminution of four to five-

tenths of the land used for opium poppy. These figures may have been exact for last winter, but since then, although no opium is grown in the plains or near the principal roads. more oplum has been grown in this Province than last winter. One must bear in mind that if the east of Yunnan is, really Chinese and is, on the whole, ready to carry out the orders given by the authorities, the West, inhabited by natives, is not amenable to Chinese law yet. and we already have received news of trouble in the country between Talifu and Tengyueh.

As everybody knows, Yunnan is one of the poorest provinces of China. There are mines, but, except tin mines, few of them are worked. Besides opjum was grown in winter. Rice being a summer plant could not take its place, and beans are seen where popples were before Their value is nothing compared with that of opium, and cannot rank among the exported goods. The principal imports in Yunnan are cotton yarn and clothes, which were paid for not by silver, but in produce, the most important of which was opium. This drug disappearing. Yuanapese will have to pay the imports out of their cash, and this is in so small a quantity in the province that a terrible economic crisis will certainly take place, the result of which has yet to be known. It is true that the Chinese. Government: tries: to encourage the silk industry by distributing the ergs of the silk worm and it is sumoured that cotton plantation will be tried. But all this will only give results after years of experiment,

Anyhow, for the present, the suppression of the opium trade spells the total ruin of Yunnan. FIFTH SESSION.

The N. G. D. News of 11th inst. says .- The fifth sessions opened at 10.30 a.m., yesterday, Mr. J. B. Brunyata occupied the whole of the morning sitting in presenting a report dealing with the Opium, and Morphine Question as concerns India and Barma. The Commission rosa at 12.45 p.m.

On re-assembling at 2.15 p.m. Retard handed in a report on the use of Oplum and its derivatives, in France, and made a fer remarks summarizing, the position as regards' the measures taken in the French Concession. 1,617,100.00. int Shanghal for, controlling the sale and consumption of Opium. He was followed by 700.00 Monsieur Brenier, who gays a risums of a report concerning Opinin in French Indo-China, . The chief delegate for Portugal, Sanhor O

G. Potier, presented a report covering the 133,390.05 situation as regards. Opium in Macao, and promised a further Memorandum on Portugal and her colonies as sach, as he was in receipt of the pecessary data. The reports for Austria-Hungary, Italy and

Persia will be ready for presentation to the Commission on Friday, and that for Russia, will follow at a later date. The Commission adjourned at 3.30 p.m. until Friday morning.

SIKTH BESSION. The sixth session opened at 10.30 a.m. op

question in Austria-Hungary and Persia ware presented by the Delegates for those countries. Sir Alexander Hosie, on behalf of the British delegation, criticized certain statements contained in the report proviously handed in by the Chinese delegates, and asked for further in formation in connection with, such doubtful Mr. Taby Kalison presented a report dealing points as the area of land actually under poppy cultivation, and the number of smokers in the

different provinces, Replies, to these queries will, it is understood, be forthcoming later. Tto President, announced, with regret; the absence, through indisposition, of one, of the Chinese delegates, Mr. Tang, Kuo-an,

.It was decided to appoint separate Committees for dealing with specific portions of the The report for Germany (including Kinochou) reports presented to the Commission, with a view to preparing International summaries of such subjects as Trade Statistics, Cultivation of the Poppy and Production of Opium, Revanue Returns, etc.

On the motion of the Chief Delegate for France, Monsieur Ratard, it was resolved that the President should be requested to communicate on behalf of the Commission with the Senior Consulat Shanghal, and ask him to obtain information respecting the measures taken regard to onium within the limits of the International settlement.

The Commission adjourned at 12.30 p.m. until Monday the 15th instant.

A SHADOWLAND OPIUM CONFERENCE. "O magna via veritatia i " Cicero.

The momentarily adjourned meeting resumed its course, and was enlivened by the remarks of new speakers, including Lord John

"We speak the Truth in Shadowland." Anon.

Robert Peel, etc. Lord Shaftesbury .- What was the immediate effect of your destruction of the 20,201

chasts of opium? H.E. Lin .- A rise in price!

exhausted?

H.E. Lin.-By no means. "Before the destruction was actually completed, sales had recommenced with greater vigour than ever. Demand was beyond all precedent. H.I.M. Tao Kunng.—I have already told you that we had not the power to prevent it. The He delivered an impressive address, in the

Opaque of the present day have seen what the course of which he characterized the stage Canton people can do when they have the through which the anti-opium agitation had will. Japanese goods have rotted on their stready, passed as the Emotional Stage, Itu: of Feking could make Canton forego its smoke. I sometimes more independent of facts than is war-It is only where will and power are one that | vanted." (The reading caused a profound sensocial vice can be eradicated. We had made sation). a mistake. Under the cloke of an assault on opium we had begun an attack on the foreigner. Our weapon was turned against our own breast by our own people.

Lord Shafterbury -But the moral weight of England was, on your side ! .. Mr. Gladstone-It was indeed-at least some of it. It was its chief exponent in the House of Commons. I wrestled in spirit, I argued in debate, I pleaded, I exhorted, I denounced.

Sir Robt. Peel,-Do you remember asking me whether it would be in accordance with party interests for you to do so, and my saying Mr. Gladstone-You did, I remember. Mor-

our main object was to dish the Whigs. The Duke of Wellington -Anything to get be scoundrels out. Mr. Glads one-And we did it. We deftly doversiled two charmingly conflicting thoughts; First, that Captain Elliot's line of action was politically wrong and morally indefensible; and Second, that the Government had not

placed sufficient strength at his 'disposal to

anable him to enforce it. Wellington-It worked like a charm, I re- silver.

"pernicious fiction that the first war with China | millions of taels per annum. It is quite true was an Opium War; a fiction sown by us Torier, for party purposes, cultivated by missionavies as an explanation of their failure. watered by our enemies for national ends, and ever since reaped, both by China and Hugland, in a noxious harvest of misunderstanding and

(Cur readers will have noted during the course of these conversations amongst the Calebrities t) e Spookton Club, that cross-examination as we understand it is by no means resented on the contrary it is warmly welcomed as a device by which the Opaque may be enabled to see more clearly into the soul of the subject and the inner consciousness of those who played a part in its development. Thus it comes to pass that the marverlous combination of moral inflexibility and partison pliableness dirkly hinted at in Morley's "Life of Gladstoce" is here openly exhibited by the great statesman himself, Other examples will follow.

in due course. Ed.) H. I. M. Tao Kuang.-You must be careful to remember that at that time we had but one desire, one object in all our foreign relations and that was to keep the foreign devil in his place, vis., down, Viewed through the perfect transparency of this post-terrestial existence, i is easy to see that there at least a dozen grounds on which England might justly have made war, most of them of greater consequence than oplum ever was. Talk of the "Oplum War." (herefore, is a sign either of malevolent ignorance or of ignorant maleyolence. That

Viells Williams. - Men might as well declare that our war with Spain was "caused" by the sinking of the Maine.

.Prince Bismarck.-Or ours with France by be candidature of a Hohenzollern, for the brone of Spain. Admiral Alexieff-Or ours with Japan by the

cutting of trees on the Yalu ! Mr. Gladstone-Quite so, Causes are deep: pretexts shallow. But for the accident of party crisis, little would have been heard in England about either Chius or opium until one of the other causes had raised the conflict. Mackenzia in his well-known History of the

Nineteenth Century dismisses all our relations

with China in two septonges, opp of which is incorrect-Sie Robt. Peol.-Though based on your own arguments. Do you remember how you worked yourself up over that speech? The visitation from God which you feared? The Joneb-like predictions, you hurled forth? And above all lile is a very able, well-informed American, the astounding declaration that the Chinese werd amply justified in potenting the wells.

Mr. Gladstone I remember it perfectly. Lord John Russell-I told the Queen about in my report the same evening. Mr. Gladitone-What did she say?

Lord John Russell-She would tell you hersalf if she were here, but I happen to know that she is making one at a "Pons" party this afternoon-wonderful how that game's caught on. fit you might tell us why Honest John skim, sive. But as an old economist, I should like med so lightly over the episode without ax. to put one guestion to the Line Did the

Mr. Gladstone-it would have necessitated. Sir Robt. Peel-The fact of the matter is, Gladstone, that we were misinformed about of the dragon who watched them practically this opium matter,

Ohina was already producing large quantities of opium within her own territory. Was your Excellency aware of that?

H. E. Lin.-Lord bless you, yes I Knew in it perfectly well. Yunnan made a great part of her living by it, and it was grown in many parts besides, though not to the same extent We will enlighten you on that score at another:

He I. M. Tao Kuang. I notice from the latest psychograms that public prayers are asked for the success of the Shanghai Com-

Lord Palmerston, Humph !

Minutes of a meeting held at the Celebration! Club Spookton, Shadowland, on the evening of

February and, 1909. It should be explained that for nearly a month the Celebrities had been otherwise engaged, and no meeting had been held dealing with the oplum question. Indeed, the Club was too busy sifting the claims of candidates for Admission to its membership. And here, we think, it cannot fail to be of interest, if we record the fact that qualifications for plection in Shadowland differ greatly from those obtainings without a Herealt is sufficient for a man to bet something; there he must have done something; and the one point for the Ballotting Committee to decide is whether his deeds deserve the honour of election.

The election over, however, the revelations, of the Opium Conference—which was not a Commission-were resumed with much interest. Ed.1

There were present at the meeting besides speakers, Mr. John Delane, sometime Editor, of The Times; Mr. de Blowitz, his Paris Correspondent ; Sir. John Bowring, at one time British Plenipotentiary and Governor of Hong-Russell, Mr. Gladstone, the Duke of Welling. | kong ; Mr. W. G. Huoter, a well-known re-Refuges were created to take in smokers, ton, Prince, Bismarck, Admiral Alexieff, Sir sident of old Canton ; Mr. H. N. Lay, one of the the first Commissioners of Customs, and after-vawards . I. G. : and Adom Smith, first and greatest of Political Economists. The Chair was taken by Lord Shaftenbury.

M. de Blowitz.—(entering hurriedly.) Here. Lord Shaltesbury,-But wasn't the supply you are, gentlemen; the latest epsychogram. from Shanghai. Listen ! (Members crowd round while the precious

pformation is read out). "At the meeting of the Opium Commission. in Shanghai to-day, an American Bishop, Dr. Brent, was unanimously elected to the chalz. whatves, for none would buy. But neither the was, he said, "based largely upon santiment, presence of H.E. Lin por the distant thunders and ideals that are concerned in the inner salled

> Delane (tu Blowitz). How did you get that through so soon, de Blowitz? Do Blowitz-That was easy, I have friends

in the Shanghal Psychical Society, Duke of Wellington (to Lord Shaftesbury,)-More - independent-of facts-than-is warranted?" Pretty plain speaking that, though I could make it still plainer, and yet be thus to our boast that "We tell the Truth in Shadow-"

 Lord Shaftesbury—Personally, I welcome it.º though it must necessarily be a terrible |ar to many of my old acquaintances.

Lord Palmerston-It is certainly very pointed, but not a whit more so than was needed. ry has said as much in my "Life." Of course The unctuous self-rightepusness which is upa. able, or unwilling, to appreciate plain, fact ... needed a rebuke which could not have come, more appropriately or with greater force than from the lips of its own elect.

This evening we are to look into another of the mistepresentations of the the Emotional Stage "-the financial. It will be remembered that one of the main grounds for the crusade? against opium was the statement that by reason of opium China was being depleted of has

H. E. Lin-Wordeclared that our stock of Mr. Gladstone-And from it has arisen the silver was decreasing to the tune of some tenthat we had no statistics whatever to prove it. but ten millions was a nice tound number. We named it and stuck to it.

Lord Shaftesbury-And we having adopted it from you, and being convinced of your perfect Integrity, also stuck to it. Was there any

Sir John Bowring—Oh! yes, undoubtedly... there was. You see it was like this .- India. supplied opium to China and took scarcely any goods in return. There were no banks to adust matters, and so the trade was done on a cash basis. But when making their statement. respecting the nebulous ten millions, our Chies nese friends said nothing whatever about the very solid millions coming in.

. H.E. Lin.-Of course not. Sir John Bowring.—Yet everybody, except i the Society whose information was "based largely appn sentiment and ideals," knew that that all the nations doing business with Chinasi were constantly sending silver to pay for the tea, silk, and other articles they bought, since China took little else in the way of exchange, Mr. W. C. Hunter.—The ship I came out in brought 350,000 Spanish dollars in kegs. That was in 1824, and the quantity steadily grew

afterwards. Sir John Bowring.-It did. I got out some returns later on, showing that the P. & O. ships alone brought in over twenty-eight millions of dollars a year.

H. E. Lin-Gentlemen, there is no doubt whatever that your semarks on this matter are? as true as they are pointed. To add my quotato their force, let me tell you, as a fact of which; at least some of you were ignorant at the time, that we had a rule by which we permitted jox of our imported foreign silver to be re-exported. Our native silver was never touched at all." Mr. Gladstone—As an old Chancellor of the Exchequer, I should like to ask whether any of

you can quote us some up to date opinion on this vexed question. Mr. H. N. Lay-As an original I.G., it has always been my aim to keep myself as well; posted as I possibly can with regard to matters! Celestial. Consequently, my correspondents tell ma all they can, and I hear that Morse

Chorus of Volces-Order. Order. Who's

Mr. Lay-Gentlemen, of the Illumination crave your indulgence. Morse is yet amongst the Opaque of the Terra Obscura. But he is. already one of ourselves in his regard for Truth.

But permit me to quote, and you, will see, the point of my remarks. This is what Mr. Merso says, "The drain of silver is not proved by facts. . From the English, American, Dutch, Portuguese, and other trade there pour. od in a stream of silver in the shape of Spanish? dollars which to this day (1908) are current in Anhui. . . . the movement of silver was

inward, not outward," 🙏 -Adam Smith,-That apparently is conclusion reported drain of silver from China cause int. crossed activity in her silver mining?

H. E. Lin,-It did not. Our mineral riches, remained as they always had dong, in charge unworked. Mr. Gladstone.-Worse than that-half in Adam Smith Thank you. I peed ask mg formed. We did not know, to example, that move, W. C. D. Nawe.

CANTON DAY BY DAY. VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 12th February. The native community of Canton city have proposed to organise a volunteer fire brigade corps, and have submitted a set of regulations to the Viceroy for his information and ap-DIOVAL

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

On the 9th instant, at about two o'clock in the afternoon, a train going to Yun Tam from : Wongsha, when approaching Sal Tsun knockand down a woman of about fifty years of age. The unfortunate woman had her legs badly injured and was removed to hospital for medical treatment. On account of the serious nature of her injuries, there is scarcely any hope for her recovery.

"TAI ON" COLLISION CASE, A Court of Inquiry was held at the British Consulate in Canton during the last few days when the British Judge from Shanghal presided, touching the collision case between the steamer Tai On and the theatrical junk, on board of which several lives were lost. Owing to some of the witnesses of the junk not being present, the case could not be concluded; it has been passed to the Viceroy to deal with, " OFFICIAL AMENITIES:

At It a.m. to-day the Viceroy received the British Consul at Canton and the British Judge from Shanghai.

THE JAPANESE DOYCOTT.

On the 1st instant the Japanese Consul at Capton forwarded a despatch to the Vicerov. in which the Consul stated that he was pleased to note that the Japanese boycott was gradually abating, and that he begged to express his thanks to the Viceroy for having given instructions to suppress the boycott movement. However, the Consul was sorry to point out that the boycott against Japanese goods is still persisted in by Chinese in other countries especially in the Straits Settlements and in America. The Japanese boycott was originally started in Canton and it soread far and wide undoubtedly with the aid of the Chinese agitators in Canton- In this case, should the boycott be entirely suppressed in Canton, the boycott In other places would certainly be brought to an end. In the despatch the Japanese Consul again complained of the refusal of the native press in the city to publish advertisments for apanese merchants. The Viceroy was earnestly requested by the Consul to do all in hispower to suppress the Japanese boycott in order to maintain closer the friendly relations between the two nations.

Upon receipt of the Consul's despatch the Vicercy issued another proclamation on the subject and at the same time exharted the different vernacular papers not to stir up the public feeling any more and to deal with the Japaneso morchants as before.

Day before yesterday the workmen's quarters on the 7th section of the Canton-Hankow Railway in Ching Yuen district were attacked by a number of robbers. The workmen fought against their enemies with all their might, and as the workmen were in greater numbers they ultimately secured the arrest of two of the robbers.

PRISON LABOUR.

To utilise the labour of the vagabonds now imprisoned in the gaols, the Police authorities send fifty of them to dredge the creeks in the western suburb at a remuberation of six candareen a day.

13th February.

SUBSIDIARY COINS. of 20 cents during last year by the Canton. Mint was considerably less than that of preced- Fatshan. ing years. The profit derived from minting was only a little over \$100,000, being some \$500,000 less than that of the year before.

8. S. "TAI ON" COLLISION CASE, With reference to the collision case between the steamer Tai On and the junk belonging to the theatrical troups King Wah Yuk, the British Judge from Shanghai, after hearing the evidence at the Court of Inquiry at the British Consulate, in the presence of the British Consul-General, called on the Vicercy yesterday and informed His Excellency that he would not be able to give his decision in the case until after he has returned to Shanghai.

THE "FATSHAH" INCIDENTA In reply to the petition of Fung Tack Son, who requested the Viceroy to communicate with the Portuguese Consulat Canton respecting the Fatshan incident, the Viceroy stated that he had not received any reply to his despatches from the Consul as to the fixing of a day for the hearing of the case, and that H. E. would again write to the Consulurging him to fix a day as soon as possible to hear and settle the

HARBOUR COLLISION. Yesterday imorning a cargo-boat, while en-

deavouring to cross the bows of the steamer Bonam, when the latter was approaching her wharf on arrival from Hongkong, was considerably damaged, but fortunately there were no

FLOWER-BOAT FIRE.

During the past two days the members of the Canton Fong Pin Hospital have been engaged in their work of looking for dead bodies in the harbour after the fire at the pleasure resort of Tai-sha-tau: three more corpses were picked up on the 11th instant and two on the following day.

. 15th February. FRESH WATER SUPPLY.

At the request of the Canton Fong Pin Hospital and other institutions, who feared that after the disastrous fire at Tai Sha Tau on the 30th ultimo, dead bodies may still remain floating in the harbour the water thus becoming injurious to the health of the residents, the number of people having a quiet sip at the the free supply of fresh water by the Canton they all burried out and ran in different directhe bunds, in both Canton and Honam be ex- them were more or less injured in the panic. tended to a further period of ten days from the 15th instant for the benefit of the people.

OPIUM DEN CLOSED.

The members of the Canton Anti-opium Asremaining open in Shek Wan and reported the the method in that province. matter to the Namhoi Magistrate, who at once sent official runners to seal up the premises. FIRE FATALITY.

Yesterday two outbreaks of fire occurred, one in Cheung Tong street, inside the city, and the gram to the Viceroy recommending that a reother in Po-Kong, Honam. In the first in- sident official should be appointed to look stance one house was guited and two others suffered slight damages, while in the second case, the fire originated in a shapherd's home killing half a dozen oxen and injuring two men. LIKIN STATIONS.

tions from Peking to open (as many as necessary) Likin stations along all the railways in the province to collect Likin dues on goods carried by railways.

CHANGE OF OFFICE.

by the Vicercy to be Aciling Taolai of the pre- from resuming their former occupation on their fectures of Kochow, Luichow and Young Kong craft and also ordering them to remove farther

in succession to Taotal Ying Tsun, who is proceeding to the capital for special duties. A DELAYED DOCUMENT

The Imperial Rescripts announcing the deaths of the late Emperor Kwang Hati and the Empress-Dowager did not reach here till vasterday. The reason of the delay is that the documents were sent to Canton overland by Imperial letter couriers, - To-morrow morning, the Viceroy and all his subordinates, civil and military, will assemble at the Yat Kun Ting. where the documents will be officially read out. The Imperial Rescript appounding the enthronement of the new Emperor Hauan Tung is expected to arrive here about a week later.

BLACKMAILERS BURY. The Ground Nat-Oil Guild in this city has received a blackmailing letter bearing the signatures of the robber chiefs Luk Jan Tsing and others asking for a sum of 1,500 table each from the different oil shops in Canton. recipients have forwarded the original letter to the officials for their information, appealing to them for adequate protection.

ARMED ROBBERS BEHEADED. On the 71th instant, the Viceroy gave authority to the Taotai at Shiu Hing to behead six criminals for armed robbery.

BUTCHERS STRIKE. Owing to the levy of taxes on butchers, a strike is now in progress in the Kam Chuk, a trading mart in Shun Tak. The local officials bastened to report the matter to the Viceroy and soliders are now being sent to the spot to

restore order.

16th February,

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY. The Cauton-Hankow Raiway Company will hold a general annual meeting of shareholders on the 28th day, 2nd moon, when the accounts of the Company for the last Chinese year will be presented. Shareholders are now invited to apply to the Company's offices for admission tickets to the forthcoming meeting.

ROBBERS WANTED. Since the 12th moon last Chinese year, sixteen cases of robbery have taken place in the stations and workmen's quarters along the road of the Canton-Hankow Railway; the Company is now offering a reward of \$100 for the capture of any of the culprits.—

THE DELIMITATION OF MACAO. H.E. Ko Yu Him, Special Commissioner apprinted by the Imperial Government to conduct negotiations for the delimitation of the boundary lines between the Chinese territories and the Portuguese colony of Macao, is expected to arrive here about the middle of the and moon. The native Press in this city has published considerable comments with a view to draw the attention of the native community to the importance of the question,

ARREST OF REVOLUTIONISTS. A letter from Kwangsi states that three revolutionists have been arrested in Kwei Lin and have been beheaded by the Kwangsi Governor. These outlaws were found in possession of a register of their members, containing over ten thousand names; of these the impiority are somewhere in the surrounding. districts of the Yangtszkinng.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY SHARES, The collection of the second call of shares by the different institutions for the Canton-Hankow Railway Company during the last month of last Chinese year amounted 1,110,685,0.5.6 taels, of which 146,384 2,2.1 taels were collected by the Oi Yuk Charitable Institution, 111,000 tacks by Wai Hong, 115,260 tacls by Kwong Chai, 184,773.95 tacls by Kwong Yun, 64,730.0.6.3 tdels by Shung Ching, 37,304.8:2.7 taels by Ming Shin, 47,131.5.5.0 taels by Shut Ship, 6,993.1.9.5 taels by the Chamber of Commerce, 104,300 taels The output of subsidiary coins of the value | from Hongkong, 155,000 tacks from Shanghai, 11.816 tacls from Macao, and 31,400 tacls from

> CANTON CEMENT FACTORY. The machinery ordered for the Canton Government Cement Factory has arrived and work is expected to commence shortly for the manufacture of cement by this factory.

> > 17th February.

VALUABLE SERVICES REWARDED. Attherequest of Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng. president of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company, H.E. Viceroy Chang Jen Chun has recommended Taotai Kwong, Engineer-in-Chief of the Railway, for the Civil Rank of the Second Class in token of valuable services rent

ADOPTION OF STANDARD WEIGHT.

from Peking a Weight and Measurement Bureau will shortly be established in Canton with a view of bringing about a uniform standard of weight and measurement. The Taotai for the development of native industries, Chan Mong Tsang, has been nominated by the Viceroy to

be Director of the Bureau. LIKIN COLLECTION.

.The collection of Likin dues in Canton during the first and second ten days of this moonas reported by the Likin officials amounted to 114,678.9.3.0 tacls.

SALE OF DEAD PIGS FORBIDDEN. The police have once more issued a proclamation, for the benefit of the general public, prohibiting the sale of dead pigs,

REBELLION QUELLED. Taotai Kwok Jen Chang, Commander in-Chief of the Imperial troops, sent to Yumchow to suppress the recent rising there, arrived here last week. The Viceroy has commended Taotai Kwok for his efforts in putting down the insurgents and ordered him to return to that prefecture for duty, lest, the outlaws might

rise again during his absence. ACCIDENT AT TRA-HOUSE, At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, near the Southern Gate, a tea-shop all of a sudden had one of its side walls cracked and the latter instant. ly collapsed. There were present at the time a Viceroy has now again given instructions that I soothing beverage. On receiving the shock Waterworks Company to the residents along I tions for safety, with the result that over ten of

MANUFACTURE OF PAPER, Mr. Wei Chung Put arrived here on the 15th Instant from Hupeh with instructions to study | Siong, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson, A. H. Wilzer, the system obtaining at the Canton Governsociation discovered five opium-smoking dens | ment Paper, Factory so as to introduce |

18th February.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY, H.E. Chang Chih tung, Superintendent the Canton-Hankow Railway, has sent a teleafter the interests of the railway in each of the three provinces on behalf of the Superintendent, and that Taotai Wong Ping Yun, formerly Taotal in Yumchow, and recently reinstated, has been appointed to be Director-General in The local authorities have received instruc- | Canton, H.E. Viceroy Chang Jen Chun has accordingly notified the Canton-Hankow Railway Company of Taotal Wong's appointment.

THE TAI-SHA-TAU FIRE. As a result of the disastrous fire at Tai-shatau on the 30th ultime, the Viceroy has issued! Taotal Wong Loung Put has been appointed a proclamation probibiting the boat population By Order Committee

inshore. It is now ascertained that at present there are altogether sixty-three of these boats in Canton harbour. They have been ordered to vacate the water in three days 1 me.

CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE. A few months ago, the Canton Christian College received the handsome donation of Sto,000 from Mr. So king Kui, \$2,000 from Sir Chan Liang Chang, and sums ranging from one hundred to several hundred dollars from several other persons towards the funds for its maintenance. On the 15th instant, Mr. Tam Lal Ting, a coal merchant of the On Hing Company, presented a steam-launch to the College for the use of the students. This launch has been named Lai Nam.

GOVERNMENT CEMENT FACTORY. The Canton Government Cement Factory has solicited from the Canton-Hankow Railway Company, the Canton-Kowloon Railway Combany and the Chaochow-Swatow Railway Company and some others for orders to supply cement for their use.

ADMIRAL LI CHUN'S MOTOR-LAUNCH. It is learnt that the motor-launch now in course of construction by W. S. Bailey and Company of Hongkoug to the order of Admiral Li Chun will be named Tin Tung.

> POLICEMAN STONED. SCHNE AT THE HAPRY YALLEY.

Happy Valley was the scene of some disturbance yesterday afternoon, and is it to be wondered at that the peace breakers made their debut in the Police. Court to-day? .. Su Sing was the first to answer the charge of disorderly behaviour. According to the information laid against him Su was returning to town via Morrison Gap, and when requested by an Indian policeman to keep clear of the levehicular traffic he refused. The result was that he was pushed to one side of the road This Su resented, and, assisted by his chums, the policeman had a rather exciting time dodging stones alleged to have been burled by them. Su was captured after a while; his friends managed to escape, however. He was discharged with a caution after evidence had been heard.

The second item to enliven the proceedings at the race-course was that between a Japanese eating-house owner and his cook, a man giving the name of Ponsonby. Both men were more or less under the influence of liquor, and they soon fell out over a most heated argument about nothing, perhaps. They were enjoying themselves, and the crowd too, immensely, when a policeman appeared on the scene and the pair marched away. Very little is to be said after this, except that both defendants were ordered to pay a fine of \$5 each for their behaviour.

COTION SPINNING INDUSTR

JAPANESE ON CHINESE COMPETITION

The general meeting of the Fukushima Cotton Spinning Company, of Osaka, held last week, adopted a resolution to issue debentures to the amount of Y500,000. The terms and duration of the issue were left to the discretion of the board of directors.

In reply to a question by a shareholder in the course of the meeting, Mr. Kondaibo, managing director of the company. said that towards the end of last year, when the market was low-the company purchased a stock of raw cotton sufficient last to July next. He Junher said that all the yarn to be produced up to the end of May next was already sold. The directors believed that a profit of Y120,000 to Y130,000 could be cleared for the present half-year, though this estimate might be a little reduced if the yarn market in China proved unfavourable.' At any rate the company would. not be involved in any loss. In his opinion, the cotton-spinning industry in China could not by any means prosper. Chinese spinning mills might make a profit on account of the fluctuation of silver, but this would not last long. With the exception of small districts. China are few alterations in values of local stocks was not fit for the cotton-spinning industry because of the climate, and there was no cause for fear in competition there. - Japan Chronicie,

BAKE-HOUSES AND DAIRTES.

HYE-LAWS FOR FLOOR SURFACES.

The following minute by the Medical Officer of Health inquiring whether the new bye-laws re floor surfaces of bake-houses, dairies and In accordance with instructions received laundries are to be enforced in places already licensed or only in the cases of applications for new licenses was laid on the table at the meetingof the Sanitary Board last Monday afternoon; -I should be glad to know whether the new bye-laws re floor surfaces of bake-houses, dairies and laundries are to be enforced in places already licensed or only in the cases of applications for new licenses.

Laundries already possessing licenses are not re-licensed every year; it is therefore doubtful whether the bye-law can be enforced unless the floor of the laundry requires relaying or. making good,

year, and so, I suppose, the renewal can be refused unless the bye-law be complied with, . I find that in some cases renewals have been granted, although the bye-law is not strictly complied with. Some bakeries are paved with Canton ries. This has not been reported as a liper share paid on 9th instant, while holders defect when the tiled floor has been in good. demand higher rates. Indo-Chinas sold at \$54 repair. Will the Board agree that in future no I (preferred and deferred combined), and have license shall be granted or renewal for bake. linquiries now at \$56, per share; the Shanghai to Tls, 172 closing with Northern inquiries. houses and dairies unless the floor is strictly in I rate is up to: Tis. 41 buyers, and London accordance with the bye-laws and declare Can. I quotations are £4 per share for preference and ton tiles to be material not approved for the 122 per share for deferred shares. China and i floor surface?

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper minuted: Enforce the bye-laws.

RULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

the Board Room, on the 26th January, 1909. Present:-Messrs. W. H. Wallace (chairman), J. S. Fenwick, W. Kruse, Lim Kui the Health Officer and the Secretary.

and confirmed. Lim Kui Slong, and the reply concerning a building permit, and the Secretary was instructed that if Mr. Lim Kni Siong failed to !! apply for a permit within seven days, and submit plans in accordance with bye-law 13. he is to be proceeded against in the ordinary

The Superintendent of Police reported the Mixed Court since the last meeting, the Court to oth February. Summonses; Assault 2, Cruelty to a child 1. Debt 1. Summary Ar. rests : Being abroad after 12 midnight without

a light 5. (Signed), W, H. WALLACE.

O. BERKELEY MITCHELL; Secretary, T.

THE "TACOMA-MARO."

BUCCESSFUL LAUNCH AT THE

KAWASAKI.YARD. The launch of the Tacoma-maru at the Kawataki Yard, Kobe, which on Thursday afternoon! (4th instant) had to be postponed owing to the high wind, was accomplished with very satisfactory results on Friday morning at 7.30, in the presence of a considerable number of guests, despite the early hour, reports the Japan Chronicle of 7th install

Mr. Nakabashi, President of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, named the news steamer. The sea was very calm and the vessel glided down into the water; amidst loud cheers. After the launch Mr. Matsukata, Prosident of the Kawasaki, yard, made a brief speech which was responded to by Mr. Naka-

The Tacoma maru is one of three sister-ships now being built at the yard for the Osake Shosen Kaisha, which are to be put on the American line to be shortly opened by the The Tacama-maru is a steel steamer, 410 feet

pross tonnage of 6,000, and of 4,500 horsepower. -- Her contracted speed is 14 knots.

REPORT ON SWATOW.

long, 51-feet wide, and 32 feet deep, with a

Recently, the Kwangtung government appointed a deputy and the Shanghai Magistrate to inspect and report on the commercial aspects of the port of Swatow, and in conformity therewith; they have reported, that, the place has been growing in trade, owing to the light duties and likin in force. They point out that land is insufficient for the population. The south bank, where the British and French Consuls reside, consists of steep hills with but little firt ground, and cannot be tended for settlement. On the east bank stand the Suan forts, which occupy a most important position. The Customs, the consulates and the China Merchants' Co, are on the north bank to the east. The Ma Yu. Shan is at the entrance by which ships enter port. It' is a dangerous position to assail, but its value is lessened by the absence of forts. The writers of the report addethat the accretive foreshore may be reclaimed for extension of the place, but the scheme would entail enormous expense, which is in the way of its immediate accomplishment.—N. C. D. News.

ALEXANDRA CINEMATOGRAPH.

The Alexandra Cinematogruph at No. 2 Zetland Street continues to provide excellent entertainment at their up-to-date establishment, A number of new films seen for the first time in the Colony are nightly thrown on the screen and these are undoubtedly superior to those secu elsewhere. The management is careful to see that the pictures, are up to the usual standard of excellence. Last night, another change of programme was given, when only a moderately large audience was present. which is to be regretted, as the various instructive as well as comic films offered for the delectation of the public deserve more patropage. Among the pictures shown last night, the "Destruction of Stamboul by Fire" was very realistic. Of the other films depicted on the canvas, the following comic subjects highly amused the audience:-"Grandfather's Pills," " Misdeeds of a Sack of Coal," "Servant of an Acrobatic Family," "India Rubber Shoes" and "I am absorbed in Politics," which were thoroughly appreciated. One should visit Alexandra's in order to appreciate good, wholesome amusement.

COMMERCIAL. SHARE MARKET.

Messts. Exich "Georg' & Co. write in their Weekly Share List last Saturday :-A moderate to fair general business has been done during the week under review, but there report. The sterling demand rate of exchange I to report in other stocks under this heading on London closes at 18.9 1/16d, while rates and no transactions have been made public. on Shanghai are Tls. 741 for a Bunk T/T, and The 74f for a three days' sight Private Bill. Barsilver in London is quoted 231d., and Consols £85 1/16. The Bank of England's rate of discount is 3 per cent, while the private market rate of discount is 21 per cent.

Bank Shares. - Hongkong and Shanghais have been done to a small extent at \$895, and a few shares could be placed on same terms; Shanghai quotes sellers at \$920, exchange 73, while London is unchanged at £66. Nationals are pochanged.

Marine Insurance Shares.- Unions sold at \$830, \$827h and \$825, closing firm at the lower figure. China Traders, as well as Cantons, are unchanged. North Chinas have been done and have sellers at Tis. 100, Yangues are wanted

Fire Insurance Shares .- Hongkongs have been done to some extent at \$330, and continue in demand. Chinas sold at \$106; we hear that this Company will pay the same dividend and bonus as last year, viz., \$8 per share; the 40th Bake-houses and dairies are re-licensed every meeting of shareholders will be held on 4th proximo, transfer books closing from 19th linstant to 4th prox., both days inclusive.

Shipping Shares.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have ruled very strong, and are in demand at \$281 ex the dividend of \$13 Manilas, as well as Douglases, and Waterboats, are unchanged. Shell Transports have buyers at 49s. 6d., while London quotes 50s. sellers; it seems to be certain that a third dividend of is, per shate, making in all 3s, per share for 1908, while be declared shortly.

steady, selling at \$130 and \$127%, and closing Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at 1 at \$17, and, while more shares might be had at that rate, there are thether buyers at \$161. Mining Shares. - Charbonnages can be placed | Hongkong Hotels have buyers at \$90.

at \$600. Raubs are wanted at \$51, but are on offer at \$9. Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's shares have dropped in the north to Chinese New Year holidays, and sales during | Soy Chees are on offer at Tis. 275. the same period to 6,718 tons.

Docks, Whatves, Godowns, &c.-Hongkong well as New Amoy Dock shares, are unto Tis. 78 buyers. Hongkong and Kowloon following cases had been dealt with in the Wharves, changed councishin at \$451 to \$461, closing steady at latter figure, A large being closed under the seal from 12th January | speculative business has been in progress in the north in Shanghai and Hongkow Wharves, June has been paid; locally up to Tis. 166 has been done, at which figure there are sellers.

blaced to a small extent at Stoller the dividend of Stipper share paid on toth instant. West Points have sellers at \$44, and Hongkong Hotels are steady at Sco. Humphreys Estates sold at \$8.60 and \$8.65 ex the dividend of 60 cents per share paid on 8th instant, and are veryform at latter rate. Shaughai Lands sold in the north at Tis, 120; the report for the year 1908 has been issued, and the directors say in same that they have every confidence that the shareholders will consider the statement of accounts as evidence of a very satisfactory state of affairs attained in spite of a long, period of commercial depression. The working account for 1908 has a credit balance of I is, 501,701.60, compared with Tis, 513,251.54 for the previous year, ... The gross rentals show an improvement of Tisk 38,932.10, but on the other hand taxes and running expenses have been considerably increased and somewhat less has been carned on interest account. The amount at the credit of profit and loss account. after deducting the interim dividend paid in July Inst. is Tis: 662.404.86 which the directors recommend for appropriation as follows :-- to pay a final dividend of 6% (making 12% for the year on the fully paid up shares)==1'ls. 234,000; to pay a bonus of Tis, a per share on 78,000. shares, absorbing Tis. 156,000, to transfer to reserve fund for equalization of dividends 11s. 130,000 and to carry forward to new account the balance of Tis, 142,404 86. The report says that all the Company's properties have been kept in the usual substantial state of repair and fully covered by insurance. Repairs have been heavier chiefly owing to very large number of changes in tenancy. Insurance is increased in proportion to the growth of the company's estates. and taxes are increased in consequence of the new assessment of property. There have been a few houses empty for short periods but the oss under this head has been proportionally very small. The balance sheet shows Tis. 6,307,965.01 invested in property (against Tls. 1,906,133,90 as per previous amount) amoun invested in mortgage Tis. 2,579,412 20 (egainst Tis. 2,704.297.14 as per last report), sundry debtors Tis. 85,855 (sgainst Tis. 90,966.07 as per last report). Tis. 3,508.11 each in hand of agents and debenture purchase account at the old figure of Tis, 4,500 50. On the other side we find the capital with Tis. 3,900,900 (unchanged). the equalization of dividend fund at the of figura of Tis. 170,000, the reserve fund with Tis: 1,523,045.72 (against Tis. 869,493 51 as pe last report, the sum of Tis. 653,552.21 having been added out of the 1907 earnings) depentures with Tis. 2,336,600 (against 11., 2,172,000 as per last report), the balance profit and loss account with Tls. 662,404.86, amount owing to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Tis. 385,543.93 (against Tls. 436,183.58 as per last, report), un-

471.14) and sundry creditors Tis, 4,070,35 (against Tis. 500 last year) Cotton Mills.—Ewos have jumped in Shanghai to Tls. 40 buyers, while Internationals, according to advices by letter, are quated.Tls. 76 sales, Lau Kung Mows Tis. 79 sales and Soychees Tis. 275 sellers. Hongkong Cottons are

claimed dividends Tis. 576 99 (last year Tis.

unchanged. Sundry Manufacturing Companies .-- China Light and Powers sold and bave buyers at \$.4. Dairy Farms sold in fair quantities at \$14. Green Island Coments have been done at \$97, but close a shade easier with sellers at \$9.70.

Ropes are steady at \$15. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without reported sales. Miscellaneous. Fair numbers of China-Borneos have been done at \$111. China Providents sold at \$0.10 to \$5.20 per share ex the dividend of 80 cents per share paid on 8th instant, closing film. Language have dropped in the north to Tls. 830, at which figure there are buyers; the following telegraphic information, dated 1st instant, has been received from the Sumatra director and manager at Langkat:-"Daily aggregate output of crude petroleum 81.000 gallons; crude petroleum in tanks at date 330,000 gallons, kerosene made since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram 83,000 cases; kerosene shipped since 100,000 cases; and kerosene in stock at refinery at date 40.000 cases." Watkins have inquiries at \$21. Watsons are for sale at Sol. There is no change

WEEKLY SHARK REPORT

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs, E. S. Kadoprie & Co. write this afternoon :- Owing to the Race, business has been somewhat restricted. Rates generally remain

Banks. - Hongkong & Shanghai Banks have remained steady during the week under review and there are probably buyers at \$895. There is no alteration in the London quotation which remains firm at £86,

Marine Insurances .- Cantons are firmer and in demand at \$190. North Chinas are obtain. able in the North at Tla. 100, white Yangtares are wanted at \$190. Unions can be sold at

Fire Insurances, -Hongkong Fires continue o demand at \$330. China Fires are steady at

hipping-Douglases are again in favour at gular and liberal scale of salaries for Govern-\$14, and Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam. boats at \$281, but sellers are not forthcoming at these rates. Indo Chinas preferred and de ferred have inquiries at quotations. Shell Fransports are wanted at 49/4, but none are obtainable at the rate.

Reficeries.-China Sugars have again been sold at \$130. Perak Sugars bave buyers in the North at the improved rate of Tis. 105. Mining. Chinese Engineerings have risen

There are further buyers of Raubs at \$84. Docks, Wharves and Godowns,-Kowloon Wharfs have changed hands at \$47. Whampon Docks might be obtained in small lots at Soz. Shanghai Docks can be placed at 7 is, 781, and Hongkew Wharls at Tis, 167. Lands, Hotels and Buildings. - Anglo-French

Lauds have inquiries at Tls. 104 and Astor House Hotels at \$16\. Hongkong Lands cap Refineries. China Sugars have ruled un- be placed at \$94 after small sales at \$93. Humphrey's Estates have found buyers with sellers at \$130. Luzons changed hands [ 58.65. There are sellers of Shanghai Lands at Tis. 115, ex the dividend and bonus of Tis. 5 per share paid in Shanghai on the 17th instant

"Cotton Mills:-Ewos are wanted at the i proved rate of Tis. 100. These are further buyers of Hongkong Cottons at \$91. Accord-The minutes of the last meeting were read | Tis. 163; the total output of the Company's ing to the latest Shanghal circular to hand, 19th inst. to approve of the new Navigation three mines for the week ended 23rd ultimo, Internationals are nominally queted at Tis. 74. A letter was read from the Council to Mr. amounted to 903 tons of coal only, owing to the Lau-Kung Mows have buyers at Tis. 79, and

have been effected at \$ 3.20 and more are want. authorities, a coolie was, in the Police Court. and Whampon Docks sold at 591 and 5911, and | ed at the rate. Green Island Cements have last Monday, fined \$100. The alternative was have no further sellers under \$92. Fenwicze, as | been dealt in at \$9.70. Hongkong Robes are | three months imprisonment. quiet at \$25. The General Managers report changed, Shanghai Docks have advanced for the year ending just December, 1908, has An American, by name O. J. Merchant, elles just been issued to shareholders of this Com- C. Jones, was arrested by Detective Sergeant pany. The balance standing at the credit of Wilden, last Sunday, on a charge of embergleprofit and loss account is 5:8,790.46 which it is ment. Merchant, otherwise lones, was alleged proposed to appropriate as follows: To place to have embezzled 650 pesos in Manila. The to reserve fond the sum of \$20,000; to pay a case was remanded. where up to Tis 1671 cash and Tis 175 per 30th | final dividend of \$1.00 per share, and to curry Kowloon Lands sold at 332 Ed., and can be been a heavy drop in Language to Tle. 730 in Bequeline Fourteen days.

the early part of the week, but they have since recovered to some extent and are now quoted Tis. 775 at which rate buyers prevail. A first lutarim dividend. for 2000, of Tis 124 has just been declared, payable on the 13th March 33 Exchange. The Bank's selling rate on Lone don is 1/8 15/16 on demand. The T./T. rate on Shanghal is 74 5/8 Dividends Payable .- Hongkong and Shang bal Banks-dividend and bonus of \$2.7/- per

there for 1008, payable on the 20th February. Hongkong and Whompon Docks-Final of & per abare for 1908, payable on the and February. Hongkong ices Final policity per share for 1908, payable on the 27th February. Hongkong Ropes-Final of Sx per share for 1908, payable on the 27th February. China Fires-dividend of \$5 and bonus of \$2 for 1908, payable on the 4th March. Langkats - First interim for 1900, of Tis. 12h payable in Shanghai on the 15th March. Sumatras-dividend of Tis. 5, for 1908.

Forward Settlements .- The following dates have been fixed by the Stock Brokers' Association of Hongkong for Forward Settlements :-

February Settlement :6th Feb. March 30th March April 20th April: May. Tist May. 20th June. soth July,

YARN MARKET.

In their report dated 19th instant, Messra. Phirossha B. Petit & Co. write:--

Our last report was dated the 3th instant The yarn market throughout the forinight has ruled firm. Towards the end of the period prices have advanced in sympathy with a decline in the price of silver to equalise in rupen rates. The tendency at the close is towards lower silver values when quotations should

vise in consequence to maintain the parity. Demand has been good throughout under review, owing principally to a scarcity of stock on the market, caused by the delivery of yarn in importers' hands in fulfilment of bargains. concluded prior to the Chinese New Year vacation. Forward contracts are being made I although importing firms are somewhat chary of concluding settlements on anything like an extensive scale, owing to the arratic movement of silver exchange. It is expected that inquiries from the interior will be maintained at fully their normal level and immediate brospects of the yara market are favourable. No. 201 -A good dem and for selected threads

at an advance of \$1 per bale. No. 161.—Only suitable threads found buyers at cùrrent rates.

No. 121.—In moderate inquiry. No. Ics.-in good demand at an advance of St to \$2 per bale, No. 8s.-Nothing doing.

No. 6x. - A fair demand for selected threads

Market closes firm. Sales:-200 bales of No. 6s., 5,000 bales; of No. 101., 1,575 bales of No. 128., 225, bales of No. 16s, and 3,475 bales of No. 20s,; in all about 10,425 bales.

-Arrivals :- Per steamors Veboshi Maru, Lais sang, Ischia, Banca, Gregory Apear, Vorwaerie and Delta of about 17,000 bales, Unsold Stock:-About 31,000 bales. Uncleared Stock :- About 18,000 bales. Exchange:-We quote to day as follows:--T. T. at Rs. 131 per cent. Demand T. T. , Sh. 1.8 d.=\$

: 23 9/16d. per oz.

Shanghai...... , Tis. 741=\$100.11

Demand 11 11 1.8 15/16d. \$

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE. Selling. London-Bank T.T. France-Bank T.T. ..... 2.19 Germany-Bonk T.T. 

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE state of Orogon is sgitating for antiapanese legislation. THE Prince Regent has proposed to fix a re-

ment officials.

left two bodies behind.

THE Ministry of Finance intends to send deputies to investigate the affairs of the Maritime Customs in China. THE question of the withdrawal of the Legation guards in Peking will be discussed between the

Waiwupu and the Diplomatic Corps after March 15. IN the course of the latest fighting in North Formosa twelve Inpanese have been killed The aborigines, who had taken the offensive,

THE Ministry of Finance has decided to establish a figancial organ under its own control in each province, so as not to be hampered in its scious, as frequently happens now.

THE Diodom, cruiser, which has had an extensive refit since returning from the China Station, will be commissioned shortly for sorvice in the Portsmouth Division of the Home

AFIER repeated conferences with the Premier. the Selyakai Party, which commands the majority in the Japanese Dict, decided on the Subsidy Law.

FOR removing the dead body of a newly born Miscellaneous,-Sales of China Providents | infant without a permit from the Sanitary Board

forward the balance of \$8,790,46 to the credit of TAI I is a cook in the employ of a compradore; next year's account. Hongkong Ices have sellers, at 24, Queen's Road Rast. At an early hope Lands, Hotels and Buildings, Hougkong at \$220, Sumatras have suffered a sharp decline last Monday, morning Tai discovered that he Lands have suled very strong, but pe ; business to Tis. 105, at which rate there are sellers in the had some business to transact in the city of Head has come under our notice : there are buyers, North. We lesro that a dividend of Tis. 5 per fore leaving the premises, however, Tal cooks at time of writing, at 593, workaps higher' | share has been declared for 1908; There has away a ham -and was caught red handed.

WE have received calendars from the Santa Fo Railway Company, which are fine exhibitions of the art.

THE Hubek Jik Pao in Hankow has resumed publication and Cheng Chiang-hao, the editor, has been released.

FOR meddling with the water service at No. 16 Praya, Kennedy Town, a Chinaman was fined 525 last Wednesday.

THE Ministry of War intends to establish Naval School in Shanghai to train men for the new Imperial Navy.

THE Prince Regent orders 30,000 men, who can read, to be selected from the eight Banner Corps, for the formation of the Imperial Guard

THE P. and O. Company's steamer Palma. which left London on 16th uit, took the following specie for :-- Singapore, silver, about £61,000; Singapore, gold, about £100.

THE owners of the steamer Amoy from Flonsburg, which was employed in the Chinese coasting trade, have resolved to sell the steamer in consequence of the bad state of affairs.

MESSRS, E. S. Kadoorie & Co. are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Shaughai, informing them that Langkats have declared a first in-terim dividend of Tls. 121, for account 1909.

VICEROY Hau Shih-ch'ang has memorialized the Throne for permission to establish Colonization Offices at Tientsin, Hankow, Newchwang and other places, to receive people who desire to settle in Manchuria. BREVET Major N. J. G. Cameron, Queen's Own

Cameron Highlanders, has been appointed Assistant Military Secretary to General Sir Ian S. M. Hamilton, K.O.B., D.S.O., commanding the Southern Command. GRAND Secretary Chang Chih-tung intends to ask the Throne to bestow some reward on

Chinese officials and merchants" who have been successful in mining enterprises, in recognition of their services. 'A NAGASAKI message states that the Milsu Bishi Dockyard there the other day discharged two thousand of its employees. A number of

gami have also been discharged. M. BAPST. Minister of France at Peking, will the Paris Temps understands, be shortly appointed to succeed M. Soulange-Bodin as Under-Director for Europe to the political and commercial direction of the Ministry of Foreign

officials at the Mitsu Bishi Dockyard at Tate-

Affairs. GRAND Councillor Na Tung has been telling his colleagues that as the people now complain of the officials being held to comparatively too high regard, the way to appears popular objection would be to elevate the status of the

A NUMBER of officers have been posted to the first-class cruiser Bedford on her recommissloning for further service with the China Squadron. Twenty-two out of the 23 officers of the Bedford are due for relief, having served two years on the station.

officials.

MR. W. G. St. Clair, proprietor, Singapore Free Press. Straits Bettlements, and Mr. Crosbie Roles, editor-in-chief, Times of Ceylon, Colombo, have been elected to represent their respective cities as delegates to the forthcoming Imperial Press Conference.

Among the visitors arrived in the Colony by the Japanese s.s. Nikko Maru from Manila is Mr. C. W. Rosenstock, the proprietor of that excellent Directory known as the "Rosenstock's Directory," which is indispensable in every office. Mr. Rosenstock Is in the Colony on a pleasure trip.

THE Ministry of War is discussing the question of sending deputies to survey and make hydrographical charts of the northern and southern coasts of the empire of China. The northern section will be from the Kiangsu-province to the Gulf of Pechili and the southern from Cheklang to Kwangsi province.

THE Dautsche Bank having announced it was about to establish a branch at Constantinople. the German Palaestina Bank, which intended to do the same, has dropped the idea, the field for working being at present considered as not large enough, especially as the German Orient Bank also is to extend its working to the Tarkish metropolis.

THE Dutch steamer Tibodas arrived at Singapore from Muntok, on 5th inst. with 1,141 coolie | others may be encouraged in the same dirpassengers bound for China. Many of them were trying to land there when they were stopped by the police. Constables have been stationed on board to prevent their landing, as most of them are decrepit mine coolies.

SINCE the issue a few days ago of the Imperial Edict ordering retrenchment in expenditure was working the yard by means of gas engine and dismissal of superfluous officials, only the and electricity, and also supplying heat to the governments of Chihli and Shantung provinces | furnaces. In Japan they had erected a 3.00 have attempted to carry out the order, while h.p. plant for a paper mill, and they had also the other provincial governments are hesitat- had the honour of receiving an order for a plan ing in the matter. The Grand Councillor has, for one of the Japanese Arsenals. therefore, urged them to take immediate action.

H.R. Links Tun-yun, President of the Walwupu, has telegraphed to the Shanghal Taotai ordering him to make a summary of the minutes of the Opium Commission meetings and report it to the Ministry from time to time. The full details, however, may be reported by the High Commissioner appointed by the Throne after the Commission has finished its mission.

WONG Ho and Ling In, two coolies, were arraigned in the Police Court, last Monday. charged with their. It was alleged that the defendants forced an entrance into the Disin- Tun following officers join the croiser Bedfor fecting Station and stole property, valued at when she recommissions for another spell accused were brought in guilty of being in Tremby, Lieutenants A. E. Dixie, D. W. possession of the property. They were each Douglas, E. L. Wharton, A. Johnstone, W. C. given three months' hard labour.

the Grand Council has arrived at the concluslon that in these days of increased communication, financial connections with the world are of paramount importance, and he therefore suggests that Ta-ching Imperial Banks should be cruiser Kent and joins from the Naval College established in the capitals of Great Britain, where he has been studying. Germany and Japan, with officials well versed h finances in charge of them. The Grand Council highly approves of the proposition. . .

VONG TIM, the puller of a private ricksha, was arraigned in the Police Court, this morning charged with recklessly driving the vehi- tion of catalogues? The cost of a well-pr cli and with offering a bribe to a policeman. pared catalogue is very great, so that the d Wor's ricksha passing over his foot. When to. My suggestion is that the manufacture the dender was being taken to the station be should urge the Government to establish not gilty. He was fined \$1, however, on the catalogues to the Consulate and asking them

STRALING one and a half pounds of copper. valued at fifty cents, the property of the Naval Yard, resulted in a coolie, Luk Ho, being sentenced to one month's imprisonment last Thurs-

As the result of the explosion of an oil-tank belonging to the Rising Sun Company near Fukuoka on 5th inst. eight houses were destroyed and six people were killed. Eight others were

THE deputy, who was sent by the Ministry of Justice to England to purchase an execution machine (gallows?), when that Board decided to reform the Chinese instruments of punishment, has returned.

THE hawker-Wong Ping-who was accused of stealing a purse containing \$10.60 from an Indian at the race-course last Wednesday, was, in the Police Court on Thursday, sentenced to six weeks hard labour.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld.; announces that the total output of the Company's three Mines for the week anding January 30, amounted to 3,705 tons and the sales during the period to 7,889 85 tons.

THE R.M.S. Monteagle, which left Vancouver on January'18 and was due at Yokohama on February I, arrived at that port on the 6th inst. five days late. She had encountered heavy storms throughout the whole of her passage.

IT has been decided to divide the control of the Tientsin-Pukou Railway. H.E. Lü Haihuan, Director-General, will be in charge of the southern section, while H.E. Sen Pao-chl Associate Director-General, will assume control over the northern section of the line.

A NUMBER of beggars who were found asking for alms in the streets last Sunday were "roped in" by the police. On Monday morning, they were ordered to pay a fine of a dollar each, and as they could not comply with the order they were lodged in gaol for a couple of days.

A Tokio despatch of 8th instant says :- The cavalty exercises which have been held on the icebound Lake of Suwo, in Shimane province are without precedent in Japan. The exercises were highly successful, and the Japanese horse-'shoes armed with nails proved satisfactory,

THE Rupch Jih Po. a Chinese daily in Hankow, has been scaled up by the Hankow sub-Prefect for drawing and publishing a cartoon. which the authorities allege was libellous to them, and the editor, Cheng Chiang-hao, has: been arrested. The journal has addressed a telegram to the public sense of justice.

A LOCAL paper states that in consideration of the valuable services rendered to this Viceroyalty, in regard to foreign affairs, by Dr. ]. C. Ferguson, H.E. Vicercy Tuan Fang deems the Tis. 300 salary paid to him monthly by the Tantal insufficient and has, therefore, ordered the latter to increase the amount to Tls. 500.-N. C. D. News.

THE Admiralty have cancelled the order for the armoured cruiser Warrior to be recommissioned at Chatham, and have directed her to go to Devenport to transfer the present crew to the cruiser Andromeda, for passage to China to join the armoured cruiser Bedford, and to recommission with a Devenport crew for temporary service in the Fifth Cruiser Squadron.

THE Prince Regent has sent strict instructions to all the Viceroys and Governors, giving orders that in view of the present difficult times, they should not only do their best to carry out constitutional measures, but also attend to administrativo measures, defence, anti-Christian troubles, foreign and financial affairs, and adding that any negligence will be severely dealt

IT is reported that China will shortly undertake the construction of harbour works at the ice-free port of Lienshanwan under the superintendence of a British Engineer. A branch line connecting the port with the Imperial Railways of North China will also be constructed for a distance of three miles. The activity of the bean market is disclosing the fact that the pier accommodation and facilities for export at Tairen are inadequate.

As the Government attaches great importance to the oplum prohibition, it has issued circular orders to the Viceroys and Governors of the provinces to the effect that, in the event of any of them being able to eradicate poppy plantation and oplum-smoking in their province without causing troubles, such Viceroys, Governors and officials engaged in the campaign will be given liberal rewards in order that ection.

SPEAKING at the general meeting of the Power-Gas Corporation, Mr. Alfred Mond M.P., said that they had erected the first large gas-power plant in China—at the Hongkon; Dockyard. It was a 6,000 h.p. plant, which

H.E. Lianc Tun-yan has been attending at th Waiwupu every day and arranging all outstand ing matters in order according to their import ance. They will be dealt with in their prope order after the opening of the Seal. His Excel lency has also given instructions to all mem bers of the staff to come to work early in th morning and to deal with the diplomatic com munications and telegrams as they come Every day after work His Excellency will dis cuss international affairs with his staff so as t increase their knowledge.

This charge was not proved, and the service on the China Station :- Commande Lucas, O. A. Douglas, Engineer Lieutenau Flect Surgeon G. A. S. Bell, Captain C. May IT is stated that Duko Tsai Tse, President of hew, Royal Marine Light Infantry; Surgeo the Ministry of Finance, in consultation with Regali, Rev. L. G. Jones, chapitale; Engineer sub-Lieutenant A. E. Lane, and Gunner

MR. R. St. George-Moore, Engineer-in-Chi to the Canton-Hankow Railway, writes to Z Times under date Wuchaug, Dec. 14:-Mig I make a suggestion to manufacturers throu your columns on the question of the distrik It was stated in evidence that Wong and tribution is an important matter. In my-cas anther coolie were racing along Queen's out here I have received numberless valuable failed to dodge them in time, the wheel of other hand I have not had one I wished to refer offerd the policeman forty cents for his re- catalogue reference library at each Consulate, lease On the first charge accused was found instead of the present system of forwarding

to distribute them.

#### SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. Kanoonis & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

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	#TOCKS.	no. Op Bhares.	Value.	***	RESERVE	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND,	PRESENT PRESENT POTATION EDON LAST LARS DIV.	QUOTATIONS.
_	BAMES		Mark Strain of the strain of t		£1,500,000 <b>)</b>		Interim of £2 for first half year @ ex?		(\$805 buyers
B	ongkong & Shanghal Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	\$250,000	\$2,005,774	₹/9{ = \$21.943	58.7	London (86
N	MARINE INSURANCES.	99,925	£7	.62	\$250,000 } \$250,000 }	\$10, <b>82</b> }	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903		
C	inton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	5250	<b>\$50</b>	\$232,757 \$411,990 £125,000	2028	S14 for 1907	78 %	Sigo buyers
N	orth China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£x5	£\$	Tis. 150,000 ( Tis. 303,747 Tis. 118,277	Tls. 160,512	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	56 1	Tis, too sellets
U	nion Insurance Society of Capton, Limited	12,400	<b>5</b> 250	Stoo	\$3,000,000 £90,000 \$202,478 £129,695	32,506,022	[Final of St5 making \$45 for 1906 and] [interim of \$30 for 1907	5 <b>t %</b>	1825 bayers
	ingusse Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	Stoo	Son	\$727,049 } \$1,000,000 } \$100,032 }	\$591,763	512 and bonus \$3 for 1906	81 %	\$190 buyers
1	FIRE INSURANCES.		Stoo	, Szo	\$25,157 \$1,000,000 \$140,097 \$13,802	\$372,432	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 10 %	**************************************	Sto6 sales
i   4	ongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250°	<b>\$</b> 50	Sr.\$13,941	\$428,027	\$27 for 1906	84 %	\$332 buyers
0	ouglas Steamship Company, Limited	30,000 20,000	\$25 \$50	\$25 \$50	\$7,000 \$264,638 } \$99,067 } \$250,000 }	51,035 Nil.	Sal for year ending 30.4.1008	71 %	S12 sellers S34 buyers
á	ongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld	86,000	Sig	\$15	\$507,500 {	\$20,279	Final of Sti making 32; for 1908	81 %	\$28 buyers
- 1 '	do-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld. (Preferred)  Do. do. (Deferred)  anghal Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000 } 60,000	£5	£5	{10,000}	£13,755	\$6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @}  ex 1/9 11/16=\$3. 154	5± % 7± %	{ \$38 buyers } Tis. 47}
e	Shall " Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	Tis. 50 £1	£x	{  s. 75,000	Tls. 14,510 £63,817	Final of Tis, 12 making, Tis, 32 for 1908	6 A Y	Tis, 52 buyers 49's buyers 523
6	Star " Ferry Company, Limited	$e_{i,j} \in \mathcal{E}_{p_i}$	210 210	21 210	\$ 5,000 \$47,221 Tis, \$8,03 Tis, 426,479	<b>5</b> 98	{\$0.50} for year ending 10.4.1908		
	ku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30, <b>006</b>	Tls, 50	Tls. 50	Tis, 70,000 Tis, 81,000 Tis, 12,000	Tls. 6,869	Final of Tis, 2} making Tis, 5 for 1907	11 X	1''s 45 sales
	oing Sugar Refining Company, Louised	7,000	froo \$100	\$100	\$12,530 \$450,000 \$16,848	Dr. \$279,871	\$8 for year ending 31.12.06		E130 sales
1 9	rak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	ris, ço		none 71, 100,000	Dr. \$135.132 Tis. 9,173	Tis. 34 for year ending 32.8.06	•••	Tis, 105 sales
e C	MINING. hinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld.	1 \$10,000	£1 £1	L1 18/10	{ £174,000 } £12,289 }	£11,556	Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year end-	1	Tis. 172 buyers
-   R r	DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.	\$0, <b>0</b> 00	Z1	£1	£4,873	Dr. £2,191	No. 12-01 1/==48_ents	•••	\$81 buyers
7	buwick (Géo.) & Co., Limited	18,000 1	\$25	\$ 25	\$53,501	\$2,726	\$1.75 'n year onding 31,12,06		\$13
<b>-</b>	ongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld		550	\$40	\$26,800 \$40,000 \$76,193	52,556	.Final of \$14 making \$34 for 1907		S47 sales S92 sellers
S	ongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ld	55,700	350 Tis. 100	\$50 ()s. 100	1 <b>5200.000</b> 1	5384,847 Tis. \$3,742	Interim of \$4 for account 1908	11 · 6# Y	Tis. 78; buyara
5 1 <b>t</b> 5	anghal and Hongkow Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tis, too	is. roo	Tis, 75,000 }	Tis. 22,625	Interim of Tis. 4 for account 1908	* XI %	Tis. 167 buyers
i.	nglo-French Land Investment Co., Ld	25,000 30,000	Tis, 100 \$25	Tis, 100 Sat	Tis, 25,000 \$30,000	Tls. 6,53x	Tis. 6 for 1907	5ŧ 7	Tis. 104 buyers
6   G	longkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	515 550	\$15 T50	\$1,000 \$648,975 } \$22,000 \$	59,178 <b>\$</b> 14,619	- Interim of \$1 for account 1908	7 %	506 buyers  500 buyers  504 buyers
	ongkong Land investment and Agency Co., Ld Jumphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited owloon Land and Building Company, Limited	150,000	\$100	\$100 \$10 \$30	\$250,000 \$11,179 248.261 4006	\$26,475 \$5,486	6) cents for 19.8	. 7 %	\$8.65 sales
n 1-	anghal Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000		Tis: 50	{-Tis, 1,423,045} { Tis 317,000}	\$278 Tls, 142,404	Final of Tis. 3 and bonus of Tis. 2 making Tis. 8 for 1908	7 2	Tis. r S s. ex d.
1	COTTON MILLS.	1,1,1,1,1,1,1	<b>5</b> 50	<b>\$</b> 50	{ Tls, 150,000 }	\$1 968	Final of \$2 making \$4 for 1908		l'is, too buyers
16	wo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld Iongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	Tis. 50	Sto	Tis. 45,939 \$ \$20,000	11s. 8,8sa 59,553	Tis. 5 for year ending 31.7.08	5 <del>1</del> %	793 buyers
I .	nternational Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld 2011-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld. 207 Ches Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	8 ~~~	Tis. 75 Tis. 100 Tis. 500	Tis. 75 Tis. 100 Tis. 600	Tls, 175,000 none Tls, 28,257	Tis, 8,372 Tis, 6,308 Tim 50,663	Tis. 8 for 1906		Tis. 79 buyers Tis. 175 sellers
at ir-	MISCELLANEOUS.	8.604	12/6	13/6	£1,500			114 %	So buyers
he d.	bina Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10 \$10}	\$10} \$10}	\$25,000 none	£648 Nil. .61,138	60 cents for year ended 28,2.06	(e) <u>78</u> 7	\$11% sales 54% sales and b. 19.2 > 52, and b.
cp bk	hins Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld	40,000	\$10 \$7\$	\$10 \$6	\$ 0.0,000 \$10,000 \$8,000	53 407 \$48	\$2,30 for year ending 32.7.08		St4 buyers Lo.70 sa. and s.
00 80	Freen Island Gement Company, Limited	12,000	\$10 \$10 \$20	\$10 \$10 \$20	\$12,000 \$5,000 \$186,000	\$5,078 \$251 \$8.052	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908 75 cents for 9 months ending \$1.12.07 \$2 for year ending 28.2.08	10 %	S12 buyers
int	Hongkong Ricctric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10 \$25	.S10.	nonn \$120,000	\$8,957 \$9,321 \$4,578	Sx and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2. Interim of \$4 for account 1908	08 02 X	Connactions
rt-	Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ld Mastischappij tot Miju-, Bosch- en Landbouwex-) ploitatie in Langkat, Limited	25,000	510 Gs. 100 \$10	310 Gs. 100	Tis. 547,500 }	\$8,191	f 4th Quarterly div. of Tis, 10 and bonus of	61 %	Tis. 775 buyers
m-	Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000 75,000	Sto	- 10-	none .	\$7,471 Nil	80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	}	\$ 38 \$ 8
m: ne. lis-	ranghal-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tis, 50	Tis. 20	Tis. 100,000  Tis. 24,820  Tis. 75,000	Tis. 6,603 Tis. 8,493	Final of Tis. 4 making Tis. 7} for 1907	64 %	Tis. 121 sellers Tis. 105 sellers
ord	conth China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	£20 525	£20	Tis. 190,000	Tls: '58,532 Dr. \$56,602	Final of 17/6 making 52/6 for 1907	1909	Tis. 437% sales \$24
of S.	And Waterboat Company, Limited	a. 2,000	Tis, roc		Tis, 15,299	\$256 Tis: 201	Tis, 61 for year ending 31.5.08	71 Y	Tis. 94 buyers Sto
C. ant ay	Vatson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	10 <sub>1</sub> 000	Sto	\$10 \$4	\$15,000 \$300,000]	\$11.360	So cents on 9,900 ord. shares and \$19.50 on	61 %	Srg buyers
cer A. cer	Tillam Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$10	25,000	\$6,4 <b>1</b> 8 \$3.95	Interim of 30 cents a/c 1908	61.7	Sg, sales
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